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**SANTA GETS AN EARFUL.** Looks like William McNamara, 8, of Wilmington, tried to hang a candy cane from the ear of Santa Claus when he paid The Man in Red a visit at the Town Hall earlier this week.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Fundraising for 275th anniversary off to roaring start

A new cookbook is out, and a ball is planned for this April

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Breakfast With Santa, last weekend's first official fundraiser to benefit Wilmington's 275th Anniversary in 2005, was an unmitigated success.

"If this was indicative of what the year is going to bring, we're going to have a great year," Jack Cushing, the 275th Committee Chairman, told the Board of Selectmen during a meeting on Monday night.

Four hundred breakfasts were served during a two-day period, according to Cushing. Breakfast With Santa was so successful, in fact, that it will now be a yearly event.

Cushing unveiled Wilmington's 275th Cookbook on Monday night as well.

The user-friendly cookbook is packed full of recipes submitted by Wilmington residents and covers a wide variety of food.

"This makes a great stocking stuffer or Christmas gift," Cushing said.

Cookbooks, priced at \$10, can be purchased in the Recreation Department and the Town Clerk's Office at the Wilmington Town Hall at 121 Glen Road during regular business hours.

This Saturday, December 18, cookbooks may be purchased at the 4th of July Building on Middlesex Avenue between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available for the 275th Anniversary Ball to be held on April 9, 2005 at the Shriner's Auditorium.

"This would make a nice holiday gift for anyone," Cushing said. "Children, treat your parents."

Cushing recalled the ball held for the 250th anniversary, which was attended by 1,000 people. Some in the audience at Monday night's selectmen meeting also fondly recalled the event and laughed about how the food had quickly run out that night. That is not a

mistake to be repeated 25 years later.

The 275th Anniversary Ball will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres. A sit-down chicken dinner, with plenty to eat for everyone, will be served at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by an evening of dancing to music performed by a live band.

Tickets are available for \$45 per person, but are limited to the first 1,000 sold, and may be purchased by mailing a request to the Town Hall, at 121 Glen Road in Wilmington, MA 01887. Include a check for the total purchase made payable to "Town of Wilmington 275th." Tickets will be mailed to purchaser and tables of 10 may be

reserved by request when paid in full.

"Twenty-five years ago, we had 1,000 people, and we're hoping to have 1,000 this year," Cushing said.

## DeRensis named "Super Lawyer" by Boston Magazine

Town Counsel says work in Wilmington "contributed greatly" to being chosen for the honor

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Congratulations to Wilmington Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, who was named in the first annual list of Massachusetts Super Lawyers as seen in the November issue of Boston Magazine.

More than 37,000 attorneys across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts took part in the survey, which asked them to vote for the very best lawyers that they had personally observed. Lawyers were then scored based on the number and source of garnered votes. Votes coming from outside of one's firm counted for more than votes coming from within one's firm. Credentials of nominees were verified with the Massachusetts Board of Overseers.

Those talented few making the list of 2004 Massachusetts Super Lawyers represent only the top 5 percent of licensed attorneys in more than 60 practice areas.

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tion of Boston Magazine, the Super Lawyers list will also appear in Massachusetts Super Lawyers, an annual magazine published by Law & Politics and mailed to every lawyer in the state of Massachusetts.

"My representation of the Town of Wilmington has contributed greatly to my being chosen for this honor," DeRensis said. "For that I wish to thank the town for hiring this firm and allowing us the privilege of protecting the town's interests."

DeRensis was recognized in the area of Cities & Municipalities. According to the Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeRensis, & Holland website, DeRensis has practiced law for more than 30 years and has represented municipalities since 1981. Over and above his expertise in the field of law, his familiarity with municipal government extends to holding appointed and elected positions to a Town Planning Board as well as an elected position on a Board of Selectmen.

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## Selectmen spar over library vote

Chairman McCoy alleges that Selectwoman Sullivan is misleading public

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The majority vote of the Board of Selectmen to support the construction of a new town library on the site of the current Swain School came into question during a meeting on Monday, December 13.

Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy requested that verbatim minutes be recorded for the October 25, 2004 vote to clarify what he contends is becoming a controversial issue.

"Selectwoman (Suzanne) Sullivan continues to state in interviews with newspapers and at the Senior Center that she had no opportunity to vote for the current location, but I gave Ms. Sullivan three opportunities to rescind the vote," McCoy said. "She chose not to and the minutes will speak for themselves."

Sullivan chose not to answer

McCoy's allegation of making false statements.

"I'm not going to bicker back and forth," Sullivan said. "If anybody reviews the minutes, I think they speak for themselves and make clear what my position was. I make a motion to approve the minutes."

During the October 25 meeting, at the request of Selectman Frank West, McCoy included an agenda item for discussing the site selection for the proposed library building project.

The discussion centered around four possible locations for a new library: the Whitefield School in North Wilmington; a parcel of town-owned land across from the cemetery on Wildwood Street; the Swain School site on Middlesex Avenue; and the Wilmington Memorial Library's current site, which

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## Crystal Commons hits another wall

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on Monday, December 13, to support the recent decision by Wilmington's Housing

Partnership to disapprove of the Crystal Commons housing proposal slated to be built on the former Diamond Crystal plant in Wilmington Center.

Such a decision in years past has often proven futile due to the state's affordable housing laws. Local denials, such as the one issued by the Wilmington Board of Appeals against the housing project known as Regency Place to be built on

West Street, have been overruled by the state under Chapter 40B of Massachusetts General Law. Wilmington, however, now has immunity from that statute for two years.

The town was informed in a November 30, 2004 letter from Jane Wallis Grumble, the Director of the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Development (DHCD), that Wilmington will retain sole control over which affordable housing projects are permitted to be built in Wilmington between November 9, 2004 and November 8, 2006.

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**A JOB FOR THE JAWS.** John Whitesides, the Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Boston Bruins, works with Wilmington firefighter Robert Patrie on a drill involving the Jaws of Life. Whitesides will use the experience to create a fitness plan for the Wilmington Fire Department. (courtesy photo)

## Firefighting and fitness unite

... with a helping hand from one of the coaches of the Boston Bruins

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Local firefighters are getting a helping hand from the world of professional sports.

John Whitesides, the Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Boston Bruins, has been working closely with Fire Chief Daniel Stewart and Firefighter Charles Taylor to develop a fitness program for the Wilmington Fire Department.

In December of 2003, Wilmington was awarded \$97,458 under a grant provided by the Department of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response and intended to fund firefighter health and safety programs.

Stewart had been looking to implement a fitness program in his department for a number of years. He had become

acquainted with Whitesides during permitting issues for the recent construction of a new weight room and renovation of the Bruins locker room at the Ristuccia Ice Arena.

"Who better to teach us than a guy who trains professional athletes?" Stewart said.

Whitesides jumped at the chance to work with the department.

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EVERY GIRL WANTS A PONY. Hannah Savage told Santa that she wants "My Little Pony" for Christmas when she met the Jolly Old Elf at the Wilmington Town Hall earlier this week. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Here's how you can enjoy a safe holiday season

FRAMINGHAM - As the holiday season approaches, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director Christine McCombs reminds everyone of the importance of taking simple safety precautions around the home and on the road.

"Every year, during what should be the most joyous of times, too many families experience preventable tragedies," McCombs says. "Please take the time to ensure that this will not happen to you and yours."

### Exercise caution with holiday lighting

Take care when burning candles. Be sure they are kept away from decorations, window curtains, or other combustible materials by utilizing a one-foot safety radius. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. Always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of reach of children. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits.

### Test Tree Trimmings

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### It's Your Money

by Joyce Brisbois



### MORTGAGES WITHIN THE FAMILY

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Second, to avoid tax complications, the interest rate on the mortgage must equal at least the minimum rate set by the IRS. With a below-market rate, the IRS may impute a "gift" to the borrower that may require a gift-tax return. Once again, seek the advice of a professional, this time a tax advisor.

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lights labeled for outdoor use. Do not overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree.

### Planning Holiday Parties

Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. If guests will be smoking, provide them with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for smoking materials that may be smoldering.

### Keep Christmas Trees Fresh

Choose a fresh Christmas tree and secure it in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from heat sources and exits, watering it daily. If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant. If you plan to hang stockings on the mantel, do not use the fireplace for fires.

### Inspect Fireplaces

Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned. Always protect your home and family by using a sturdy screen when burning fires. Remember to burn only wood - never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you are purchasing a factory built fireplace, select one listed by a testing laboratory and have it installed according to local codes.

### Watch Your Wood Stoves

Be sure your wood stoves bear the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for proper use and maintenance. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned if necessary. Follow the same safety rules for wood stoves as you would

for space heaters. Burn only wood and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals. Be sure to check with your local fire department and check local codes before having your wood stove installed.

### Be cautious with portable space heaters

Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Do not leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other clothing over space heaters is a fire danger.

### Cook with Care

When cooking, do not wear loose fitting clothing. Open flames or hot burners can ignite it. Always turn pot handles in. Do not store items on the stovetop; they could catch fire. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition, and turn them off after use. Do not overload electrical outlets, and do not use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.

### Designate a Driver

When attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving.

### Buckle Up

During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Ensure that all passengers are also wearing safety belts. Also be sure that you have an automobile safety kit in case your car breaks down and you are temporarily stranded.

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## From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

### A Moment of Clarity

There seems to be a misconception in some circles that a few selectmen in Wilmington were not given a proper opportunity to fully cast a vote on October 25 for the site at which they'd like to see a new library built in town. This is nonsense.

Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy explained to his colleagues on the board that he'd be rattling off for a vote all four proposed locations in Wilmington for the new library.

The first two sites, the Whitefield School and the property across the street from the Wildwood Cemetery, failed to produce a majority of support. The third site, however, hit the jackpot, with Selectmen Raymond Lepore, Suzanne Sullivan and Michael Newhouse voting to offer to the Library Board of Trustees their support for a new facility to be built at the old Swain School on Middlesex Avenue.

After that three-way tally on October 25, Lepore and Sullivan urged McCoy to hold a fourth vote for the final proposal, which involved expanding the Wilmington Memorial Library at its current location on Middlesex Avenue. McCoy argued that such a vote would be unnecessary because a majority for the Swain School had already been reached; the chairman did, however, state that a motion could be made by Lepore, Sullivan or Newhouse to rescind the majority vote and pave the way for the expansion idea to be put to the test.

McCoy put that choice before his colleagues three times, but none of them seized the opportunity.

The issue should have been concluded at that point, but in the weeks since politics have muddied the vote for the Swain School.

McCoy alleged this week that Sullivan has misled the general public by insisting that she had been denied a chance to vote to expand the current library on October 25. Sullivan has chosen not to respond to McCoy on the matter.

That might be a smart move on Sullivan's part. McCoy, Wilmington's most entertaining and adept politician, is up for re-election this April. He may be looking for something against which he can push and position himself in his preferred role as underdog.

So go politics in Wilmington.

That's all well and good, but let's get something straight, if only to try, however vainly, to bring just a hint of clarity to the labyrinth that has long since become the library debate. McCoy, as selectmen chairman, conducted the October 25 vote in a way that was more than fair and completely sensible. The requests to vote for two of the four recommended sites for a new library only made sense to those seeking political expediency.

Would the Board of Selectmen have preferred to have two majority votes for sites that would make the best bets for one new library? Such a scenario is nothing but self service because it would allow selectmen the opportunity to simultaneously avoid taking a stand and enjoy positions on both sides of the issue.

That's a little slick, no?

Never mind unity. That's so far out of the grasp of some that it feels by now to be a lost cause.

How about clarity, though? The library project is just aching for clarity, so that matters can move forward as productively as possible.

Here's some clarity for you: Under the leadership of Chairman McCoy, the October 25 vote by the Board of Selectmen to support the location of a new library at the Swain School is legitimate, fair and final. From here, it's best to assemble a plan and leave its fate to the good people of Wilmington on the town meeting floor.

## Standing Eight Count

by Stephen Bjork

When I was kid I was given certain jobs, but they were never, ever the cool jobs.

My father has always been very talented mechanically. According to my uncles, he rebuilt a Ford big block engine at the age of 4. My father, a humble man, insists that he was nearly 6 at the time.

I remember, quite clearly, helping my father out as he worked on my mother's old Buick in the driveway. I am convinced to this day that he hung onto that car just so he could constantly be required to fix it after work.

"What?!" he'd say at dinner. "The Buick won't start again?!" I swear I'm going to junk that heap of trash!"

After dinner he'd gather up his tools and his son and then out to the driveway we'd go.

His favorite part of the entire "fixing the car" process was definitely the swearing.

I grew up under the impression that four-letter words were specific to the automotive industry. I was convinced that the F-bomb was a particular brand of car parts; as in, "I need a new \*\*\*\*\* alternator and a new \*\*\*\*\* master cylinder."

Well, he never trusted me to rebuild a \*\*\*\*\* carburetor or anything cool like that. The

only job I ever got to do was holding the flashlight.

The truth of the matter is that I never really expected a promotion either, because invariably I'd get distracted and end up shining the light on an area that apparently needed no fixing.

"Pay attention. Can't you see where my hands are?" my dad would ask impatiently. "Well, then shine the light on my hands! What's wrong with you?"

Once in a while I'd be trusted with the responsibility of handing him a wrench out of the tool box, but nine times out of ten, I'd even screw that up by handing him a 3/8 when he asked for a 3/4. Then it was right back to flashlight duty for me.

Now, as a result, I'm basically useless when it comes to automotive repair.

If my car should break down, my only option is to open up the hood and shine a flashlight on it. If that doesn't fix the problem, I'm plumb outta luck.

My father built a shed in the backyard. I remember it like it was yesterday. I didn't get to hammer any nails. I didn't get to stand on the ladder. My suggestion that we add a second floor for the purpose a secret fort was summarily dismissed. My services were needed only

to run to the workshop in the cellar for various tools.

"Go get me the level," my dad said.

Eager to prove my worth, I dashed down to the cellar. I was standing there in the cellar out of breath and scanning through the toolbox before it occurred to me that I hadn't the slightest idea what in the heck a level was.

I didn't want to come back out empty-handed, so I grabbed him a beer out of the fridge. He was never really much of a beer drinker, but he was a good dad. He accepted the beer so as not to hurt my feelings; even though it was only about 9:00 a.m., and patiently explained what a level was and what it was used for. I'm still not sure I really understand.

"Steve, go grab me the tape measure," Dad said.

Down to the cellar I dashed, returning five or ten minutes later with another beer.

We continued this process pretty much all day. I had to convince my mother to drive me to the package store twice.

I found out a lot about my dad that day. He has an awful lot of patience and one hell of an impressive liver. If you drive by that house today, you will see one incredibly funky looking shed.

Some things never change.

My father came over the other day to help me tune up the snow-blower for the winter. We had the snow-blower out in my backyard and I must have been sent running into my own house for different sized wrenches on at least three separate occasions before I realized what was happening.

I put a stop to that nonsense immediately.

"This is my house," I told the old man. "You go get the stupid 5/8's."

He did as he was told and I stubbornly took over the actual repairs. It didn't go all that well; mostly I believe because my flashlight was broken.

Finally I had had enough and sent my father into the house for the sledge hammer. It was time, I decided, to just put the thing out of its misery.

He came out of the house with a beer.

I'm hoping it doesn't snow this year, because I can't seem to get the thing started and I've got a whole bunch of extra parts strewn about my backyard.

Steve can be reached at [stephenbjork@comcast.net](mailto:stephenbjork@comcast.net).

## Letters to the Editor

### The time is now for a library at the Swain School

Dear Editor:

More than two years ago I became the first resident in the Town of Wilmington to write and sponsor a request for a Special Town Meeting to reverse an annual town meeting vote.

At the Special Town Meeting in August of 2002 more residents attended that meeting than any annual or special town meeting prior to or after. There were 3 articles presented. One involved a permitting process, one was for the reversal of the appropriation of funds to begin the design of a new library at the Whitefield School site and the other was for the funds to be appropriated for a design of a new library at the Swain site. We all know the outcome of that long sweltering evening in August.

My position is and always has been to construct a new library with the infrastructure to take us well into the 21st cen-

tury at the Swain School site location. A building that symbolizes whom we are as a community and the ongoing campaign for us to educate and administer to our residents, both young and old. Although I have questioned the size needs of the new facility and the architectural component of the previous design, the need for a new facility is real. The current site is not adequate for expanded library services. Additions and renovations are almost, if not as costly as new construction; just ask anyone who has had a large addition to their home in recent years and that's without needing additional land.

I applaud the most recent round of outreach that has been done by the Wilmington Library Board of Trustees to make the process more inclusive to the residents with this new proposal. They have held several meetings to encourage

community input. They have made presentations to the Wilmington Master Plan Committee and the Board of Selectmen asking for assistance in site location. They are now in the process of filing for funding to receive approximately 3 million dollars in state funding that would drastically cut the costs to the residents and make the project more affordable than the one that was presented 2 years ago. The architectural firm of Tappe Associates is soliciting input from the residents for design specifications. I look forward to seeing those new design proposals on January 13th. I am encouraged that real discussion, compromise and debate have taken place.

This past year we were rewarded for an article that began on the floor of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting. We watched as both the State Senate and the House of

Representatives unanimously overrode a veto by the Governor, to see it come back to the 2004 Annual Town Election and receive 85% of the vote to have a special election when a Selectmen leaves office in mid-term. In a few short years the debt exclusion we passed to build the Wilmington Middle School and the Public Safety Building will be over. Now is time to support the need to move forward with this new proposal for a new library. It is time to look past the political rhetoric and recognize that a new library would be a benefit to our community. The time to act is now. I give my full support in favor of a new Wilmington Public Library at the Swain School site.

Dan Woodbury  
Wilmington

### Memorial fund thanks you

Dear Editor:

The George R. Brazee Memorial Fund for Mesothelioma Research would like to thank those who gave donations to the fund and to all who attended the 1st Annual Christmas Breakfast and Bazaar.

It was a tremendous success! Many thanks to our numerous

volunteers we look forward to working with your next year in hope to find a cure for this devastating disease.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year to all.

The George R. Brazee  
Memorial Fund for  
Mesothelioma Research

### Thanks from the football squad

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Varsity Football Team, we would like to express a special thank-you to the Wilmington High School Band and the Wilmington High School Cheerleaders.

Without a doubt, we have the best band around. It is with great pride that we start many of our games with The Star Spangled Banner being played by our band. You help motivate us throughout the game with your songs. You are such a part of the spirit of the Friday night and Saturday football games.

To the Cheerleaders, a special thank-you for all your emotional support on the sidelines. Your talent outshines all the others. Through rain, sleet, snow, and bitter cold, you cheer

us on. Many of you also have great decorating skills as demonstrated with your use of toilet paper. Congratulations on your Cape Ann League Title, Regional Title and State qualification. Best of Luck at the Nationals in Atlanta.

Thank you sincerely for your participation in making this the best football season in Wildcat history. Best of luck to all of you in your future endeavors.

From your 2004 Football Captains:  
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LOWELL - The Lowell unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a "Look Good...Feel Better" seminar on Monday, January 23 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Lowell General Hospital Cancer Center conference room, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell, MA. Pre-registration is required. To register call Colleen DeBuc at 978-937-6519. "Look Good...Feel Better" is a free program that teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with appearance-related side effects from chemotherapy or radiation treatments. Wig care, scarf and hat use, skin care and nail care will all be discussed, and all participants will receive a free make-

up kit. Cosmetologists certified or trained by the American Cancer Society will conduct this seminar, which is non-medical and does not promote any product line. The seminar will be a free, supportive, informative, and enjoyable first step toward renewed self-esteem, self-confidence, and emotional recovery for cancer patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. For more information on local programs of research, detection, education, and patient services please contact The American Cancer Society's cancer information line, 1-800-ACS-2345 and web site, www.cancer.org.



THAT'S THE ONE. The Petherbridge Family -- Billy and Nicole, ages 9 and 6, respectively, and mother and father Lee Anne and Eric -- found their perfect Christmas tree last Sunday. Jonathan Flanagan, of the Tewksbury Youth Baseball Association, the organization benefitting from the tree sale, cut the bottom of the fir to make sure it can stand tall in the Petheridges' home. (Denise Blair photo)



COOKIES, STARS AND STRIPES. The members of Wilmington's Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1187 received an exciting package from overseas recently. The girls had sent letters and 12 boxes of their famous Girl Scout Cookies to American troops serving in Iraq; the soldiers were so grateful that, in return, they sent the girls an American flag that had been flown in their honor over Camp Fernandez-Long-Plank in Iraq. Seen here holding that very flag on each end are Erin Hurley, left, and Samantha DePasquale, right. In the second row, from left to right, are Erica Mullane, Maryanna DiRupo, Alexandra Bischoff, Marina Otis, and Alivia Hamel. In front, from left to right, are Brianna Gendreau, Kristen Pasquariello, Cassandra Grasso, Sarah Rakers, and Nicole Aucoin.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Advisory in Tewksbury won't be lifted until...

EDITOR'S NOTE. The letter below was sent to Town Manager David Cressman by the Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Resource Protection, in regard to Tewksbury's request to lift the health advisory put in place after perchlorate was discovered in the town's drinking water.

Dear Mr. Cressman: This letter is in response to inquiries from the Town of Tewksbury regarding the lifting of the perchlorate Health Advisory to customers of the Tewksbury municipal water supply.

Since August, sensitive sub-populations have been advised not to consume the water due to perchlorate contamination. When the Health Advisory was issued, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stated that eight consecutive weeks of treated water samples from the Tewksbury Water Treatment Plant (WTP) with a perchlorate level of less than 1.0 part per billion (ppb) would be required before the Health Advisory could be lifted.

Discharge of perchlorate by C.R. Bard, Inc. (Bard) in Billerica to the Billerica sewer system has now been identified as the likely source of the perchlorate. Bard has ceased its discharge of perchlorate to the Billerica sewer system. With the elimination of the apparent source of perchlorate, the Town would like to lift the Health Advisory in a shorter timeframe than eight weeks.

DEP agrees with the Town that under the circumstances, the eight-week period is not necessary before the Health Advisory may be lifted. Samples collected at the Tewksbury WTP following the elimination of Bard's perchlorate discharge showed the per-

chlorate level dropping from 2.5 ppb to below the laboratory detection limit of 0.2 ppb between November 23 and December 3.

There are two matters that must be addressed before DEP makes a final determination to lift the Health Advisory. First, DEP must receive the results of numerous samples that were collected by DEP and the Towns of Billerica and Tewksbury to verify whether elimination of Bard's discharge stopped the perchlorate influx to the Concord and Merrimack Rivers. These samples include influent and effluent samples from the Billerica Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) that were collected by Billerica staff, raw water samples from Tewksbury's water supply intake collected by Tewksbury Water Department staff, and samples from the Concord and Merrimack Rivers collected by DEP staff. DEP expects the results of these samples to be available by early next week. Given the most recent results of the treated water samples from the Tewksbury WTP, DEP is optimistic that the results of these samples will show a similar drop in the perchlorate levels.

Second, DEP needs reasonable reassurance that all future wastewater discharges from Bard will be adequately protective of the water quality of the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, the Billerica WWTP, and the Tewksbury public water supply. Bard has been taking active steps to install treatment that will remove the perchlorate from its wastewater before the water is discharged to the Billerica sewer system. At present, DEP is working with Bard to address this issue in the shortest possible timeframe.

As a next step, DEP is awaiting a detailed plan and schedule from Bard for pretreating its wastewater. Bard's plan is expected to include wastewater monitoring and operational procedures to prevent discharges of perchlorate-bearing water that could have an adverse impact on surface water quality, the WWTP, or the public water supply. The plan must be approved by DEP and the Billerica Wastewater Division; Tewksbury will be given an opportunity to review and comment on the plan prior to DEP's decision. However, Bard's plan does not need to be approved and in place prior to DEP's determination to lift the Health Advisory, provided Bard has not resumed its perchlorate discharge to the sewer in the interim.

While DEP shares the Town of Tewksbury's goal of lifting the Health Advisory as soon as possible, DEP also wants to ensure that the Health Advisory will not have to be reinstated. Therefore, DEP will not lift the Advisory until:

- 1) The sampling data confirms that the elimination of Bard's discharge has alleviated the perchlorate contamination of Tewksbury's water supply; and
- 2) DEP has reasonable assurance that any resumption of Bard's wastewater discharge will not result in a reinstatement of the Health Advisory.

If you have any questions about this letter or other matters, related to perchlorate, it can be reached at (617) 657-6599.

Madelyn Morris  
Deputy Regional Director  
Bureau of Resource Protection





## Wilmington Library Notes *by Christina Stewart*

### Welcome, Winter

A story and craft program for children ages five and older will be held on Monday, December 20, at 3:30 p.m. To register, please visit or call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098.

#### Preschool Story Time Registration

Registration begins Monday, December 27, for the winter session of story times. Registration may be made in

person by visiting the Children's Room or by calling (978) 694-2098. Story times for three-year-olds will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Story times for four-year-olds (and five-year-olds not yet attending kindergarten) will be held on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or Fridays at 10:30 a.m. The half-hour sessions will begin the week of January 9th and will run for six consecutive weeks.

#### Time for Twos

This drop-in program for two-year-olds serves as an introduction to books and the library. The half-hour consists of finger plays, songs, flannel board stories and age-appropriate books. Parents and caregivers are required to accompany the child into the story room and participate in the activities. Time for Twos will be offered on the following Wednesdays at 10 in the morning: December 29, January 12, January 26, February 9, and February 23.

#### Baby Times

Registration for Baby Times also begins on Monday, December 27. Pre-Walkers, for babies not yet walking confidently on their own, will be held on Thursdays, January 13, 27, and February 10 at 9:15 a.m. Walkers, for babies up to the age of two years old, who can participate in rhymes, games and songs that involve the whole body, will be held on Thursdays, January 20, February 3, and 17. Baby Times is a 20- to 30-minute program.

#### Book Discussion for kids seven and older

*Pleading the Ghost* by Sharon Creech will be discussed by kids ages seven and older on Friday, January 7, at 3:30 p.m. The fantasy is about a boy named Dennis who has been seeing ghosts ever since his father died. Often they are ghosts he knows, often friendly, and include his late eccentric Uncle Arvie. Together they settle some unfinished business. Drop in for discussion and light refreshments. A door prize is provided by the Friends of the Library. Extra copies of the book will be available at the library.

#### Upcoming Teen Events

Middle School and High School students are invited to kick off the holiday break at the 2nd Annual Teen Winter Bash

at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Thursday, December 23, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend the third annual Lord of the Rings Festival on Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. The Festival will include the Lord of the Rings jeopardy game, art contest, and costume competition. There will be a huge display of Lord of the Rings books, audiobooks, movies, movie soundtracks, and more. Refreshments will be served, including a birthday cake for J.R.R. Tolkien (born Jan. 3). Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library.

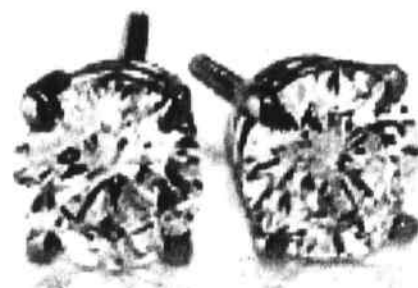
#### Holiday Classics - Books, Music and Movies

While you wrap presents or bake cookies, you can get into the Christmas spirit with your favorite holiday songs. Check out the library's collection of holiday CDs. No matter how many times we have seen the film *It's a Wonderful Life*, the holidays are not the same without seeing this movie again. Check out the library's collection of classic holiday movies and relax after a day of shopping at the mall.

Check out the beautiful holiday picture books in the Children's Room. The themes of family, holiday traditions, giving and receiving are expressed with beautiful holiday pictures. Regardless of age, books like *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg or *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Moore can be enjoyed by all ages.

#### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed the following days: Friday, December 24; Saturday, December 25; Friday, December 31; and Saturday, January 1.



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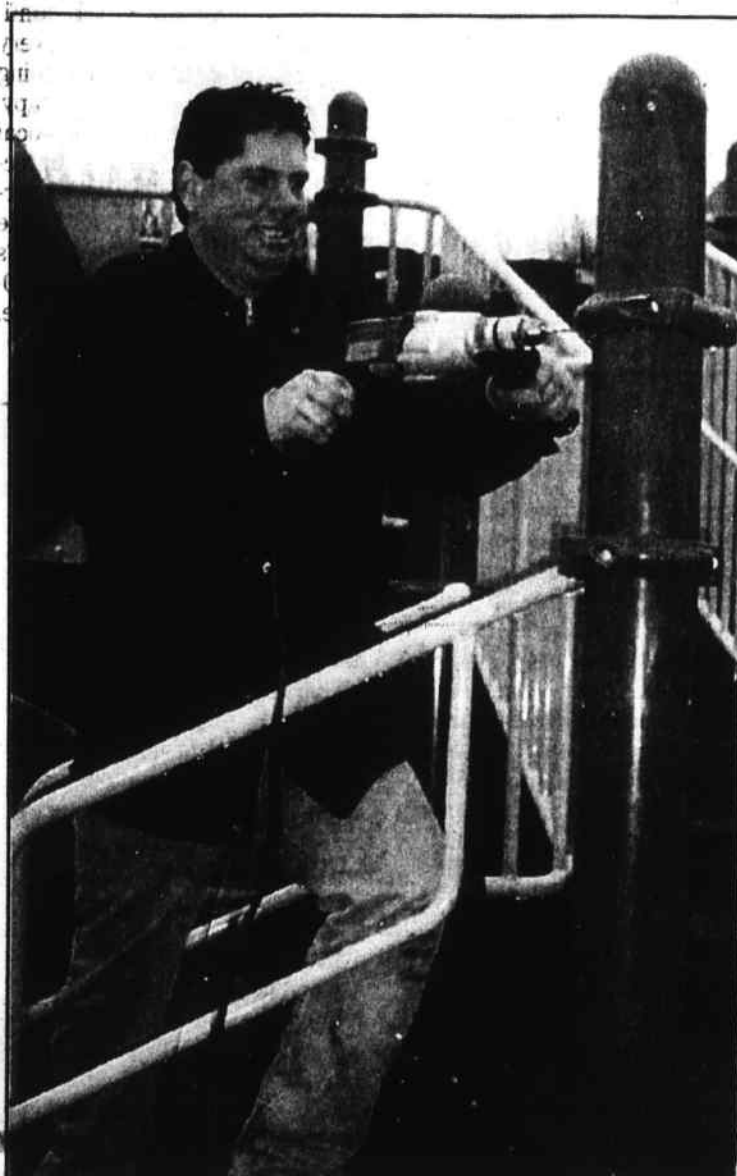
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**FOR HIS KIDS.** Volunteer John Hunt recently grabbed a power drill and helped ensure that his daughter, Reagan, and her two younger siblings will have a first-rate playground at the Heath Brook School in Tewksbury. Many parents worked closely together last weekend to make the goal a reality.

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## Wilmington Police Log

**Monday, December 6**

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1:12 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 240 Main Street.

3:09 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 294 Shawshen Avenue.

A 17-year-old Wilmington youth was summonsed on a charge of operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

**Tuesday, December 7**

12:35 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 283 Shawshen Avenue.

1:58 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 1 Adelaide Street.

2:17 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 880 Main Street.

**Wednesday, December 8**

6:50 a.m. Two vehicles parked at the Wilmington Health Care

Center on Salem Street were burglarized overnight.

11:31 a.m. A home was vandalized on Chestnut Street.

4:03 p.m. Authorities helped remove an individual who was not wanted on the premises at Wilmington Electronics on Main Street.

4:54 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 35 Lowell Street.

5:00 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 360 Middlesex Avenue.

Raymond Chun, 18, of Lowell, was summonsed on charges of operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license and committing a red light violation.

Nicole Patterson, 20, of Somerville, was arrested in the vicinity of 150 Middlesex Avenue on the basis of a warrant.

**Thursday, December 9**

8:50 a.m. A vehicular acci-

dent occurred in the vicinity of 226 Lowell Street.

**Friday, December 10**

1:19 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred on Route 125 in the vicinity of the Interstate 93 ramps.

1:42 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred at the intersection of Lowell Street and Cross Street.

2:30 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and High Street.

2:35 p.m. A vehicle was attacked by two individuals while the car's motorist was stopped at a red light at Hopkins Street and Shawshen Avenue. The attack resulted in a shattered windshield. The operator had shifted into reverse during the incident and struck the vehicle directly behind when the light turned green.

4:57 p.m. A vehicular acci-

dent occurred in the vicinity of 35 Lowell Street.

10:31 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 16 Boutwell Street.

11:45 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 133 Glen Road.

Michael Gallella, 23, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 15 Oakwood Road on the basis of a two warrants.

**Saturday, December 11**  
2:44 p.m. An assault and battery reportedly occurred at a residence on Grove Avenue.

3:32 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Wildwood Street.

**Sunday, December 12**

8:27 p.m. A home on Grove Avenue was vandalized.

11:41 p.m. A simple assault and battery occurred on Pinewood Road.



**SANTA'S HELPERS.** Local elves Kaila Walsh, Eddie Sheridan, and Carla Figucia were on hand at the Wilmington Town Hall on Monday night to distribute Town Crier Christmas Songbooks to those who lined up to meet Santa Claus.  
(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Tewksbury Police Log

**Friday, December 3**

10:57 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 940 Andover Street.

1:56 p.m. Authorities responded to a report of a disturbance at the Motel 6 on Main Street.

3:16 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 789 Main Street.

4:24 p.m. Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Livingston Street.

5:45 p.m. A property on Old Boston Road was defaced by a group of youths.

Jaime Cruz, 28, of Lawrence, was arrested in the vicinity of 4 Highwood Drive on the basis of a warrant.

Kirk Austin, 34, of Lowell, was arrested on the basis of a warrant.

**Saturday, December 4**

10:50 a.m. Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at the Caswell Motel on Main Street.

7:33 p.m. Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Cartpath Road.

8:22 p.m. Authorities responded to a report of a fight occurring between individuals in the parking lot of Burger King at 1965 Main Street.

8:51 p.m. Christmas decorations were vandalized at a residence on Oxford Road.

9:01 p.m. A Christmas decoration was vandalized at a residence on Park Avenue.

10:53 p.m. Two mailboxes were maliciously smashed at residences on Raymond Street.

**Sunday, December 5**  
8:32 a.m. A mailbox at a residence on Patriot Road was smashed with a cinder block.

11:05 a.m. Christmas decorations were vandalized at a residence on Henry J Drive.

4:03 p.m. An assault and battery occurred on East Street.

7:55 p.m. A home on Patten Road was burglarized.

8:30 p.m. A possible case of rabies in a cat was reported to police.

Odell Mitchell, 42, of Randolph, was arrested in the vicinity of 45 Fernandes Circle on the basis of a warrant.

Fernando Lima, 19, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 1094 Andover Street on the basis of a warrant.

**Monday, December 6**

5:19 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 1469 Andover Street.

7:41 p.m. Authorities responded to a report of a group of youths seeking to fight with a resident of Maple Road.

10:17 p.m. A motorist maliciously struck a trash barrel at a residence on Rockvale Road.

Joseph Gaffney, Jr., 49, of Methuen, was arrested in the vicinity of 361 Main Street and was charged with domestic assault and battery.

Edwin Lavalley, 20, of Dracut, was arrested in the vicinity of

295 Main Street and was charged with receiving stolen property valued at more than \$250, committing forgery with a check, and uttering a false check.

Jeffrey Dumais, 36, of Lowell, was arrested on Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

**Tuesday, December 7**  
1:10 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 391 Whipple Road.

6:58 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 38 O'Loughlin Drive.

9:50 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 777 South Street.

2:15 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 320 Pleasant Street.

3:31 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 301 Apache Way.

7:21 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 333 Main Street.  
Michael Alves, Jr., 26, of

Natick, was arrested in the vicinity of 10 Main Street and was charged with uttering a counterfeit note and possessing of a counterfeit note.

Yselso Caceres, 44, of Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and was charged with failing to comply with registration requirements.

A 17-year-old Lowell youth was arrested in the vicinity of 95 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

**Wednesday, December 8**

9:14 a.m. All four tires on a vehicle parked on Old Boston Road were maliciously slashed.

3:41 p.m. Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Dock Street.

10:05 p.m. Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Euclid Road.

A 17-year-old Tewksbury youth was arrested in the vicinity of 1768 Main Street on the

basis of a warrant.  
Brooke Carson, 22, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 118 Catamount Road, and was charged with domestic assault and battery.

**Thursday, December 9**  
8:09 a.m. Authorities responded to a report of a fight occurring between individuals in the vicinity of 1600 Shawshen Street.

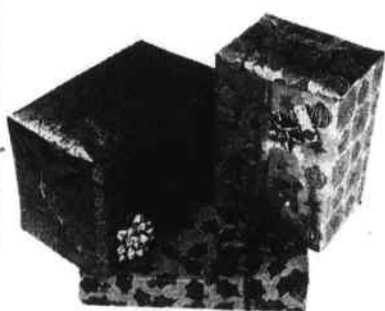
10:19 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 95 Main Street.

2:27 p.m. A vehicle parked on Upton Street was vandalized.

4:06 p.m. A mailbox at a residence on Mount Joy Drive was maliciously destroyed.

7:41 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 15 Astle Street.

Brooke Carson, 22, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 847 North Street on the basis of a warrant.



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## School Lunch Menus

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### Wilmington Public Schools

#### Butwell and Wildwood Schools

Monday: Chicken patties, potato rounds, steamed corn, tiger pudding pop.

Tuesday: Macaroni & cheese, snowman pretzel, green peas, orange sections, dessert.

Wednesday: Mini pancakes, baked sausage, baby carrots, applesauce, trix yogurt.

Thursday: Pizza Sticks, steamed Vegetables, mixed fruit, dessert.

Friday: No School.

#### Wilmington Elementary

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, green beans, mandarin oranges, dessert.

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, snowman pretzel, green peas, peaches, cool juice bomb pop.

Wednesday: Manager's Choice with syrup, sausage patty, baby carrots, applesauce, frozen juice pop.

Thursday: Pizza Day, steamed vegetables, mixed fruit cup, dessert.

Friday: No School

#### Wilmington Middle School

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, baked potato rounds, sweet corn, applesauce.

Tuesday: Stuffed Rigatoni with meat sauce, dinner roll, steamed carrots, fruit cup.

Wednesday: Chicken fajita with tomato salsa, seasoned rice, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday: Pizza wedge, veggie of the day, assorted fruit.

Friday: No School.

### Wilmington High School

Monday: Chicken parmesan sandwich, seasoned rotini, green beans, chilled pears.

Tuesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, steak fries, steamed carrots, apple slices.

Wednesday: Chicken fajita with onion and peppers, tomato salsa, seasoned rice, steamed corn, pineapple.

Thursday: Italian style pizza, steamed vegetable, fruit cup.

Friday: No School.

### Tewksbury Public Schools

Monday: Beef strips, hot roll, potato puffs, coleslaw, milk, cheez its.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with sauce, green beans, garlic bread, milk, fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken plate, vegetables, oven potatoes, milk, frosted cake.

Thursday: Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, garden salad, milk, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday: No School.

### Shawsheen Tech Lunch

Line 3

Monday: Lasagna with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed potato, carrots, hot roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Oven roasted pork sandwich with gravy, mashed potato, corn, apple sauce, fruit, milk.

Thursday: 1/2 day. No Lunch.

Friday: No School.

## Tewksbury Public Schools announces AP Scholar Awards

Last May, approximately 17 percent of the more than one million high school students worldwide who took the AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit recognition from The College Board as Advanced Placement Scholars.

The Tewksbury Public Schools is pleased to announce that eight of Tewksbury's Class of 2004 graduates who took Advanced Placement exams in May 2004 merited such recognition from The College Board.

The following students earned the status of Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor and have been awarded Certificate of Recognition from the College Board:

Nicole Belmonte

Lauren Casey

A.P. Scholar Award Recipients

Janelle Alabiso

Sarah Concannon

David Gay

Russell Morin

Brad Petrishen

Andrew Restuccia

Ms. Alabiso, Ms. Concannon, Mr. Gay, Mr. Morin, Mr. Petrishen, and Mr. Restuccia were recognized as AP Scholars for earning an average grade of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

The Tewksbury Public Schools extend congratulations to Ms. Alabiso, Ms. Belmonte, Ms. Casey, Ms. Concannon, Mr. Gay, Mr. Morin, Mr. Petrishen and Ms. Restuccia for a job well done.

## RMLD announces new business hours

**READING** - Effective January 6, 2005, the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) will no longer stay open until 7 p. m. on Thursdays.

The increasing use of electronic payment options and customer payment practices have shown the extended hours are no longer feasible. New business hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. until 5 p. m.

With the advent of electronic payment choices such as the on-line credit card payment option (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or

Discover) and direct payment option, in which electric bill payments are automatically deducted from customers' bank accounts each month, RMLD found that more than 12% of its customers are now paying their bills electronically. A new computer system will soon make it possible for customers to access RMLD forms and view their accounts on RMLD's website ([www.rmld.com](http://www.rmld.com)).

Payments can be dropped off at RMLD's drop boxes located at Atlantic Supermarket (30 Haven Street in Reading), Lucci's Supermarket (223

Lowell Street in Wilmington), and the New England Redemption Center (158 Main Street in North Reading) during their normal business hours. Lynnfield residents can make payments inside Karen's Bakery at the Colonial Shopping Center in Lynnfield during normal business hours.

RMLD has a 24-hour drop box at 230 Ash Street in Reading.

For more information, please call an RMLD customer specialist at 781-944-1340 or 781-942-6598 or visit our website at [www.rmld.com](http://www.rmld.com).

**FIRST AND BIGGEST KID ON THE PLAYGROUND.** Rob Cofer, the father of Robbie and Jacob Cofer, was recently one of the first "kids" to try out the monkey bars at the new Heath Brook School playground.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Scholl achieves honor roll

Eric Scholl of Wilmington was recently named to the High Honor Roll at the Tilton School in Tilton, New Hampshire for his academic achievements during the first quarter.

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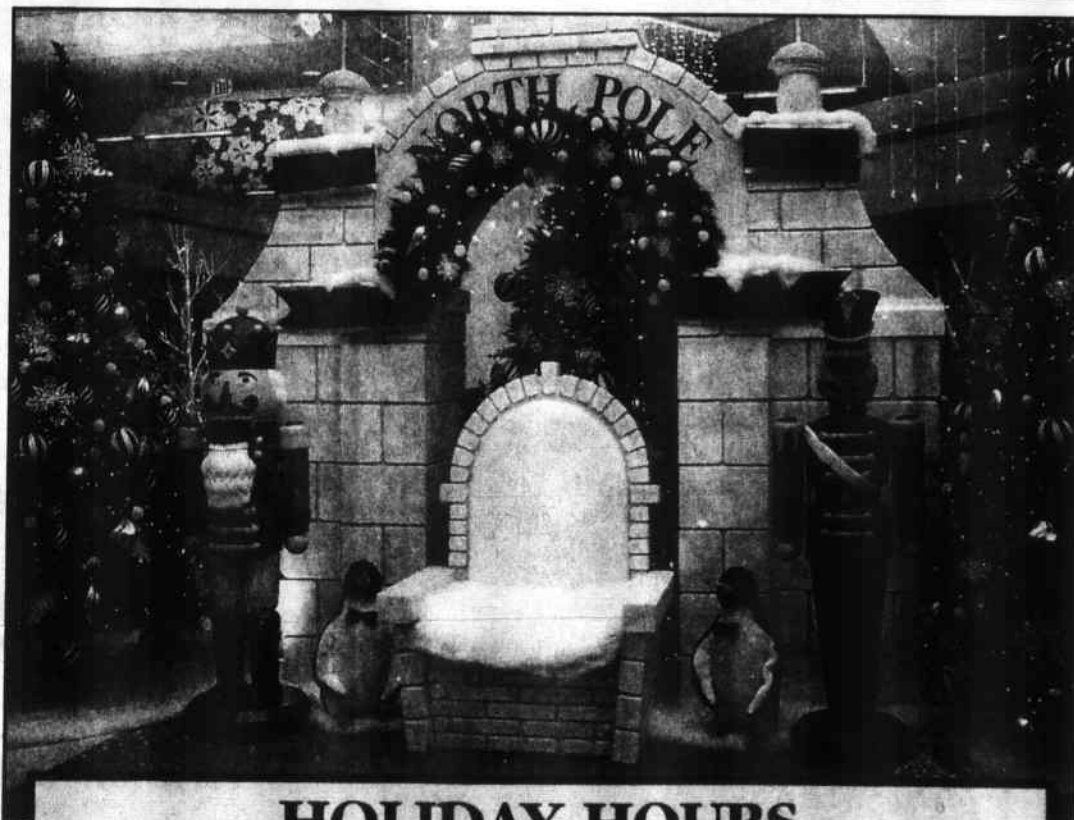
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## Obituaries

### Eleanor B. Jacobsen

Of Hampstead, NH, formerly Tewksbury; age 76

HAMPSTEAD, NH - Eleanor B. (Petitpas) Jacobsen, 76, a Hampstead resident since 1985, died Saturday morning, Nov. 27, 2004, at the Woodbrier of Wilmington, nursing care facility after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was the wife of Robert J. Jacobsen, with whom she had celebrated a 54th wedding anniversary this past October 8th.

She was born in East Boston, Sept. 28, 1928, a daughter of the late Bert and Melinda Petitpas. She was raised in East Boston, where she graduated from East Boston High School. She lived in Tewksbury for 33 years, before moving to Emerson Village in Hampstead 19 years ago.

As a resident of Tewksbury, she was a communicant of St. William's Church, and since moving to NH, of St. Anne's Church in Hampstead.

In her earlier years, she worked in the Medical Transcription Department at Tewksbury Hospital for more than 10 years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Edward Quigley of Sandown, NH, Donna and James Gibbons Jr. of New Boston, NH; four grandchildren, David M. Sheehan Jr., Erica Sheehan, John Sheehan, and James Gibbons III; a sister and brother-in-law, Lorraine and Phillip Litch of FL; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Frank and Mary Jacobsen of Lawrence Carol Ann Cox of Hookset, NH; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also grandmother of the late Meridith Gibbons.

A Memorial Mass will be held in St. Anne's Church in Hampstead, NH, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, Floor 6, Brookline, MA 02445-9924. Arrangements are through the Tewksbury Funeral Home, (800 in MA or 978) 851-2950.

tewksburyfuneralhome.com

### Cornelius "Neil" F. Joyce

15 years with Raytheon, WWII Navy veteran

READING - Cornelius "Neil" F. Joyce of Reading, formerly of Wilmington, died at the age of 77 on December 8, 2004. He was born on July 25, 1927 in Boston, MA to the late John Joyce, Sr. and Catherine (Driscoll) Joyce.

He was the beloved husband of Marjorie (Fahey) Joyce, loving father of Catherine "Katie" Anderson and her husband Robert of Rochester, NH, Neil M. Joyce and his wife Anne of Reading, loving grandfather of Michael J. and Thomas N. Joyce and brother of Norinne Markey of Wilmington, Rita Motyl of Windsor, Ct. and the late John Joyce and Kathleen Burns, he is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Joyce was a member of St. Agnes Church in Reading. He was a longtime employee in

the travel industry prior to working for Raytheon. He worked for Raytheon for 15 years retiring in 1996 as a Supervisor. He played hockey in his youth and was an avid fan and player of golf. He was a former member of Meadowbrook Golf Club in Reading, and a Veteran of WW II US Navy.

Funeral services were held from the Douglass, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home in Woburn on Saturday, December 11, 2004 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Agnes Church in Reading. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Neil's memory to St. Agnes Parish, 186 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867 or Elizabeth Seton Academy, 2214 Dorchester Ave. Dorchester Lower Mills MA. 02124.

### Daniel S. Layon

worked for FAA for 25 years

WILMINGTON - Mr. Daniel S. Layon, 68 of Wilmington, died unexpectedly, December 10, 2004 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Mr. Layon was born in Dinalupihan, Bataan, Philippines. He was the son of the late Victoriano M. and Teodora S. (Sandoval) Layon of Saugus, who survives him.

He grew up in the Philippines and joined the United States Navy in the early 60's during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He then joined the United States Coast Guard and was stationed in California before being reassigned to Rockland and Portland, Me. He was then transferred to the Coast Guard station in Boston for eight years, where he worked in the department of transportation at the Coast Guard Base. He recently retired from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Burlington, where he worked for over 25 years. Mr. Layon was a resident of Wilmington for 32 years.

Mr. Layon is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Jean E. (Iott) Layon. He was the

devoted father of Jonathan I. Layon, Jaime I. & Colleen Layon, Victoriano "Tino" and Jennifer Layon, all of Wilmington, Robin I. Layon of New York, Anna-Marie I. Lowery of California. He is the brother of Modesto Layon and Resty Layon, both of California, Leonard Layon, Armand Layon and Noe Layon all of Billerica, Melchor Layon of Brockton, Fred Layon of Tewksbury, Puring Bernacki and Karing Bernaldo both of Saugus. His loving grandchildren, Amanda, Nichole and Adrianna Layon, Michael and Stephen Layon, David-Andrew and Daniel-Richard Larrabee, Joselyn-Jean Layon, Michael, Julianne, Joseph and Jeffrey Lowrey.

His funeral was held from the Nicholas Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Wednesday followed by a funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery which was officiated by the Coast Guard.

Memorial Donations in Daniel's name may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA. 02215.

### Geraldine A. Tracy

Employee of Sanmina Co; 54

TEWKSBURY - Geraldine A. "Gerry" (Marchant) Tracy, age 54, a resident of this community for more than two decades, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, at her home, following a courageous battle with Leukemia, that began last March. She was the wife of John E. Tracy, with whom she had celebrated a 30th wedding anniversary on August 31st.

She was born in Brighton, August 9, 1950, a daughter of Gerald and Concetta (Luppino) Marchant, who currently reside in Billerica, and graduated Billerica High School.

She was employed as a certified solderer at Sanmina in Woburn.

Since her move to Tewksbury, she was a communicant of St. William's Church.

She will be remembered as having devoted her life to her family.

Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by a son, Clifford E. Tracy of Tewksbury;

a daughter, Christina A. Tracy of Tewksbury; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Howard Burns of Pepperell, Sandra and James Howard of Sanford, ME, Joanne and Steven Isabelle of Big Pine, CA; a brother, Gerald Thomas Marchant of Londonderry, NH; a sister-in-law, Lillian (Stevens) Marchant of Nashua, NH; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also sister of the late George Marchant.

Her funeral service were held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Visiting hours were Friday 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment in Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorials to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 426, Pittsfield, MA 01202, will be appreciated.

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O, show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times)  
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12/15/04 R.J.K.





**REACHING FOR THE STARS.** Local astronomer Paul Manning, left, received the congratulations of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine McGrath, center, and Tewksbury Memorial High School Principal Dr. Gerald Ferris, right, when the town's observatory that is currently under construction was officially named after him during last week's School Committee meeting. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

### Tewksbury Senior Center

## Flu Clinic scheduled

**TEWKSBURY** - The Board of Health will conduct an additional Flu Vaccine Clinic on Tuesday, December 21, for those people 65 and older. This clinic will be held at the Tewksbury Town Hall at 1009 Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you have any questions, you should call the Board of Health office at 978-640-4470. This clinic will be held on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Classes are taking a holiday break

Several classes at the Tewksbury Senior Center will soon experience a brief holiday season break. These classes are: Oil Painting; Japanese Bunka Embroidery; Wood Carving; Tuesday evening Yoga; Wednesday Quilting; and Friday Yoga Classes. The January start dates of the winter semesters will be noted next week.

## Students make honors at the Dewing School

**TEWKSBURY** - The Dewing School announces that the following students have achieved the honor roll during the first term of the current academic year.

### High Honors

James Aronson  
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### Have any fun ideas?

The Senior Center Activities Coordinator has posted several interest lists on the bulletin board. Why not take a look? Have any suggestions? Let Anne know. She's at the Senior Center on Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Wednesday mornings. She welcomes new ideas.

### Miceli stopping by

Representative Jim Miceli will hold an "office hour" at the Senior Center on Tuesday, December 21, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Residents are welcome to come and voice their concerns.

### Tickets available for hypnotist show

Tickets for the Red Hat Hypnotist Show by Steve Marino on Wednesday, January

19, are now available at the Senior Center from the "Ladies of the Court" Dee Kerr and Kay Maher. Tickets for these two events are limited to 150 people and will not be available at the door. Carnation Belles are asked to keep in mind that Red Hat tickets are only available on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and at Red Hat events. Everyone's cooperation will be very much appreciated.

### Remember others

'Tis the season of joy and merriment, of giving and sharing... and a good time to keep in mind those who live alone. 'Tis the season to give such people a call or a friendly visit and keep the spirit of the season. Have a nice week and God Bless America.

## Buzzell Senior Center sets up Annual Giving Tree

**WILMINGTON** - After the successful Holiday Craft Fair in November, the Buzzell Senior Center is all decorated and the feeling of the holiday season is here.

The Buzzell Center's next seasonal event is the seventh annual arrangement of the "Giving Tree."

There will be a special tree in the lobby of the Buzzell Center that will hold written ornaments stating needed gifts for the elders of Wilmington. This tree will give the community the opportunity to help other people in town.

Feel free to go down to the Buzzell Senior Center and choose an ornament from the giving tree, and then bring your prepared gift back to the center wrapped for the holidays. Please have the prepared packages at the center by December

20, 2004 to make sure they will be delivered in time.

These gifts are personally delivered to bring a bit of holiday cheer to Wilmington elders. If you should know anyone who could benefit from this program, please feel free to contact Terri Marciello at 978-657-7595. There are no names given

out to the public, everything is kept confidential.

The past several years have been overwhelming in support from the community and the appreciation from the elderly participants. Thanks in advance to the many residents who help make this event possible.

## Local athletes honored at Malden Catholic

The following Wilmington residents received athletic pins or letters from Malden Catholic High School as a result of their outstanding performances in the school's fall programs:

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**SICA AND SANTA.** Robert Sica, 4, gave Santa Claus a great big hug when the two met at the Wilmington Town Hall on Monday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Postal service gears up for holiday's final rush

The United States Postal Service's traditional busy holiday season workload is expected to peak on Monday, December 20, when millions of people nationwide will visit 38,000 post office lobbies to mail packages, buy Christmas stamps and mail holiday greeting cards.

The peak day is anticipated to be several days later than normal this year because Christmas falls on a Saturday and shoppers are expected to take maximum advantage of the last weekend before the holiday and then mail out their cards and gift packages as soon as possible thereafter.

The busiest delivery day of the holiday period is expected to be Wednesday, December 22nd.

Service hours will be extended on one or more days in the week before Christmas at many postal locations in Massachusetts, including special hours on Saturday the 18th and/or Sunday the 19th.

Personal correspondence (cards and letters) average 100 million pieces a day in the mailstream between October and December. However, that figure is expected to almost triple on December 20, reaching or topping 280 million on that date. The cumulative increase between Thanksgiving and Christmas Day is about 50 percent.

Similar percentage increases are seen in parcels mailed, partially due to the popularity of postal products such as Express Mail and Priority Mail.

Some new on-line services provided by the Postal Service have made it possible for customers to ship their parcels and/or purchase and mail their holiday cards and never leave their homes or offices to do it!

Customers may use the Click-N-Ship service by clicking on [www.usps.com/clicknship](http://www.usps.com/clicknship), completing a short registration process, entering the delivery address and weight of the package and then choosing the mailing service shipping option and method of payment. The customer can then print out postage-paid shipping labels and give the packages to their letter carrier, schedule a pick-up time from the Postal Service, put them in a neighborhood mailbox if small enough, or take them directly to the Post Office if they so choose.

Click-N-Ship allows a customer to store up to 500 addresses in their domestic and international shipping database.

Perhaps the ultimate time-saver ever developed by the Postal Service is its new NetPost CardStore service. Customers may both purchase and mail their greeting cards on-line through the service, although the recipient receives a hard copy card, not an on-line greeting card, an important distinction for many people who want their cards to have a personal touch at this time of year.

Customers access the service by clicking on [www.usps.com/cardstore](http://www.usps.com/cardstore). They may then browse and choose from thousands of custom images and suggested

greetings provided by a number of retailers partnering with the Postal Service. They may also use their own personal photographs, artwork, graphics and send personalized greetings for individuals or theme mailings. The custom printed cards are entered into the mailstream the next business day.

Prices range from \$1.35 to \$3.00 per card based on quantity and postage and include custom personalization, printing and mailing services.

Whether using the on-line services or not, customers are encouraged to mail their parcels and greeting cards as early as possible, and to seriously consider using Priority Mail as of Wednesday, December 15 and Express Mail as of Monday, December 13. Although the Postal Service's delivery standards are relaxed during December, the impact of early winter storms and heavy airline passenger traffic can negatively affect the transportation of mail, resulting in slower than normal delivery.

Some holiday mailing tips are the following:

### Addressing Tips

- Write, type or print the complete address neatly. Always use a complete return address.
- Make sure you're using the ZIP Code. If you don't know it, don't guess. Go to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) or call 1-800-ASK-USPS to find ZIP Codes and locate post offices and any other place that sells stamps in your area, like grocery stores or ATMs.

Use the web site [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for postage calculations, or buying stamps, greeting cards and unique gifts.

- Avoid waiting in line for stamps by using Stamps by Phone (800 STAMP-24), or stamps by mail, postal vending machines, or go online to the postal store at [www.usps.com/shop](http://www.usps.com/shop).

### Packaging Tips

- Select a box that's strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.

• Cushion the contents of the package.

- The only addresses on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses.

Tip: Place a return address label inside the package.

- Remove batteries from toys. Wrap and place them next to the toys in the mailing box.

• Packages that weigh at least one pound must be taken into the Post Office for mailing or you can use Click-N-Ship to purchase postage online and have the postman pick up the package at the door.

- Save time by purchasing packaging materials, including boxes and padding materials, at your local Post Office. Express Mail and Priority Mail boxes, envelopes, and tubes are free.

- If you still have questions, call 1-800-ASK-USPS.

The Wilmington Post Office will be open on Saturday, December 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## RMLD approves smaller budget for 2005

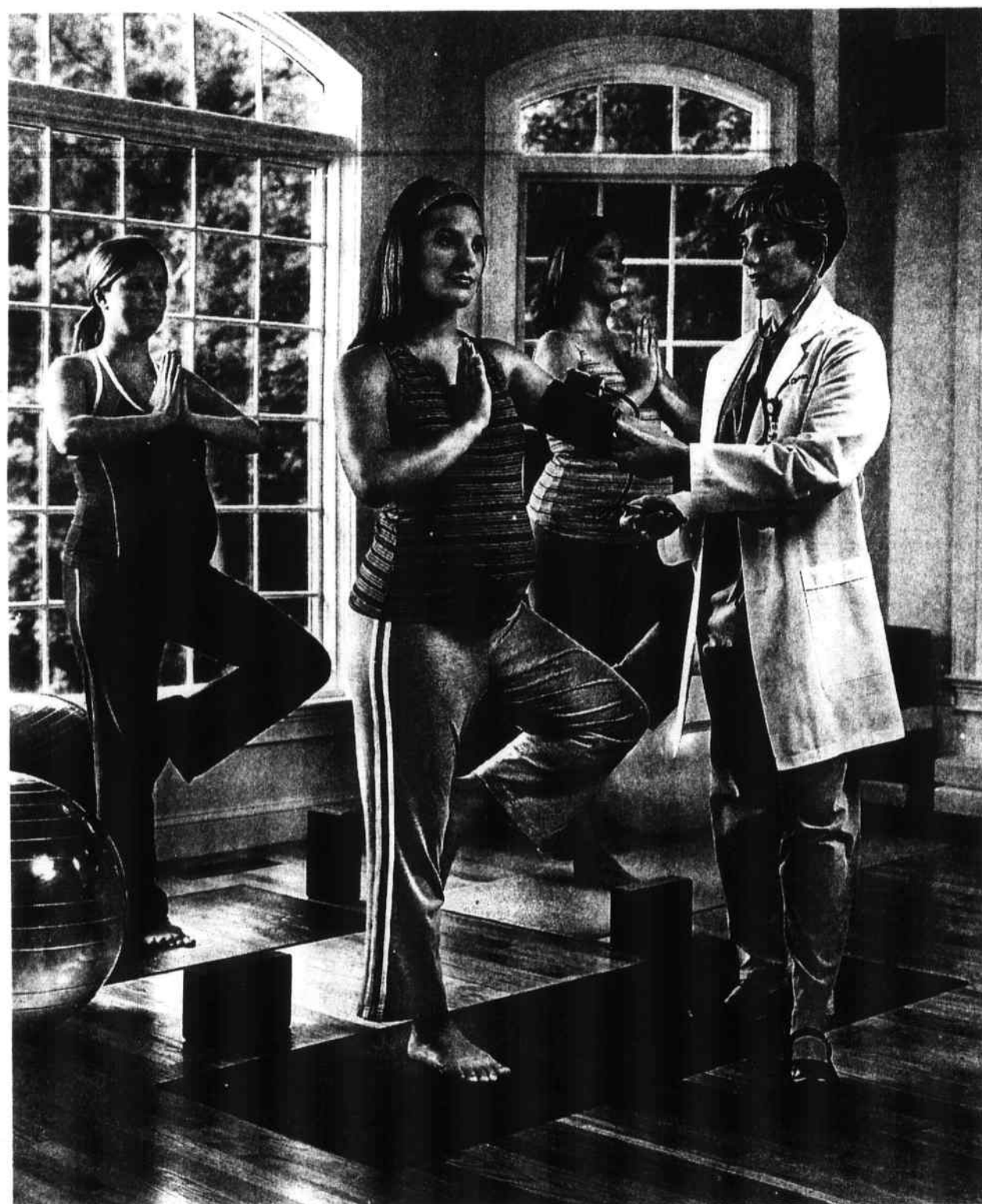
**READING** - The Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) Board of Commissioners has voted unanimously to approve the 2005 Operating Budget in the amount of \$61,000,260. This figure shows a significant decrease compared to the 2004 RMLD expenses.

In comparison to RMLD's 2004 budget, the 2005 Operating Budget Expense is projected to be \$1,226,848 less than the company's Operating Budget of \$62,227,108. Also, the 2005 Base Power Supply Expense is projected to be \$16,172,243, while the 2004 Base Power Supply was \$17,102,304, a \$930,061 decrease. In addition, the 2004 actual year-end Base Power Supply expense is expected to be about \$400,000 below budget. The 2005 Operating and Maintenance Budget is esti-

mated at \$10,770,590, a 3.3 percent decrease over the 2004 budget of \$11,069,534.

"It is encouraging to see a public utility not only committed to keeping its rates down, but also keeping tighter control on what is being spent," RMLD Commissioner Andrew Herlihy said. "I commend General Manager Vinnie Cameron for fulfilling his promise to oversee expenses without cutting back on investments and system reliability."

Cameron pointed out that the Operating Budget also reflects a reduction in sub-contracted tree-trimming and construction crews and its intention to keep the RMLD pension trust fully funded. He sees no need for future bonding requirements. The 2005 Operating Budget shows a total of 85 employees, an increase of one employee over 2004.



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**SANTA GETS AN EARFUL.** Looks like William McNamara, 8, of Wilmington, tried to hang a candy cane from the ear of Santa Claus when he paid The Man in Red a visit at the Town Hall earlier this week.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Forum will focus on sibling rivalry

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of Mothers and More is hosting a two-part discussion about sibling rivalry at the Woburn Public Library.

A speaker from the Family Foundations Network will lead the discussion and provide guidance on how to manage sibling rivalry. The first meeting

will be held on January 12 at 7 p.m. and will conclude on January 26. For more information call Louise on 978-851-7345.



**A HARP FOR THE HOLIDAYS.** Wilmington teenager Katie McFeeters brought her melodious talent with the harp to the annual holiday festival that was held at the Harnden Tavern in North Wilmington on Sunday, December 5.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Divorce support group can help you cope

DivorceCare (TM) is a divorce recovery and support group which meets at the First Baptist Church of Reading every Thursday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning January 13 and running through April 28. The church is located at 45 Woburn Street in Reading.

DivorceCare (TM) features videos by nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery. Seminar topics include "Facing Your Anger", "Facing your Loneliness", "Depression", "New Relationships", "Kid Care", and "Forgiveness". Discussion and support ministry led by experienced divorce recovery facilitators follows each video presentation.

The cost of the seminar is \$45 and includes a workbook. Pre-registrations are strongly encouraged to ensure that enough materials will be on hand.

For more information, call the First Baptist Church of Reading at a(781) 944-3876, extension 0, or check out the web-site at [www.fbcreading.org](http://www.fbcreading.org).

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**POWER MEETING.** Evelyn Cogswell, of Wilmington, survived her friendly, but surely strong, handshake with Greg "The Hammer" Valentine when the professional wrestler visited West Real Estate on Main Street as part of a holiday event for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program.

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**HIGH FIVE!** Devin Milano, 18 months, seen here with his father, Michael, gave Santa some skin when he recently crossed paths with the Jolly Old Elf at the Wilmington Town Hall.  
(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Batter up!

## Coaching course available

**NORTH READING** - The North Reading Baseball School will again be offering its baseball coaching course with instruction provided by veteran high school coach Frank Carey. Last year's group numbered approximately 20 coaches from the entire North Shore and

Middlesex County.

Included in the course content will be innovative drills, and the mechanics of pitching, hitting, sliding, bunting, fielding and organizational skills for practice. Coaches will have an opportunity to view and analyze hitting mechanics in slow

motion for a more comprehensive idea on how to teach hitting. Other subjects discussed will be determined by registered coaches.

The two-hour courses will take place on four evenings on January 31 and February 2, 7, and 9 at a cost of \$55, which includes all hand-out materials. Any youth-level coach interested in information may contact the director at: North Reading Baseball School/P.O. Box 161/North Reading, MA 01864 or call Coach Frank Carey at (781) 595-5628 or (978) 664-7800 ext. 260.

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Wednesday: Sweet and Sour pork, white rice, steamed peas, mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread, vanilla pudding.

Thursday: Stuffed cabbage, tomato sauce, steamed baby carrots, lite rye bread, cinnamon applesauce.  
Friday: Holiday



**STEPHANIE STRAINGE** added to the musical cheer when the Beginner Band at the Ryan Elementary School in Tewksbury performed a holiday concert on Thursday, December 9.  
(Denise Blair photo)



**KRISTEN RODRIGUEZ**, the new principal at the North Street School in Tewksbury, brought her children, Gabriel, Rafael and Xavier, to meet Santa Claus during the holiday breakfast her school hosted last Saturday.  
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The Audience was pleased at the Brass Band Concert at the Wilmington Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon. Above percussionist Rick Castillo performed, below Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sullivan applauded. On far left is Donna Trout who was also equally pleased. (Maureen Lamoureux photos)



## Crystal Commons hits another wall

FROM PAGE 1

"During this period, a decision by the Wilmington Zoning Board of Appeals to deny a comprehensive permit or grant a permit with conditions shall be consistent with local needs," wrote Grumble.

The Crystal Commons proposal includes two three-story buildings housing 128 one- and two-bedroom units to be built on roughly six buildable acres of the 11.7-acre site. The number of units has been scaled down from previous plans, which called for three buildings consisting of 153 units.

A total of 25 percent of the units will be deemed affordable pursuant with guidelines set by MassHousing. The affordable units will likely be priced in the range of \$145,000 to \$165,000; the market rate units may be priced within the range of \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Carole Hamilton, Wilmington's Director of Planning & Conservation, presented the Board of Selectmen with a run-down of the benefits and negatives of the Crystal Commons proposal during the December 13 meeting. Hamilton's conclusions were based on the goals of Smart Growth as set forth by Governor Mitt Romney's Administration.

The project does meet the first goal by redeveloping a historically industrial site in close proximity to mass transit for housing as opposed to constructing on pristine undeveloped land.

While the area of the project is compact and creates housing in a mixed-use area, the size and scale of the design is not in keeping with a "village center" or with other development in the area.

Hamilton commended the applicant for engaging in public review and comment, but, unlike other developers, the applicant has failed to offer any mitigation for increased traffic.

The project fails to share the burden of development on the traffic congestion at the intersection," Hamilton said. "It proposes no alternatives or mitigation."

Hamilton offered no room for negotiation in regard to an existing Enforcement Order on the property issued by the Wilmington Conservation

Commission for the illegal filling of wetlands.

"It is unacceptable for the applicant to take this long to resolve this issue," Hamilton said. "The town is adamant that this project not be granted permission to proceed until the Enforcement Order is lifted by the Commission."

The project does expand housing opportunities in the form of condominiums, which are minimally available in Wilmington, but the density of the project is extreme, yielding 21 units per buildable acre. Similar projects previously permitted in town range from as few as 6 to as many as 16 units per buildable acre.

"Using 16 units per buildable acre, this development should contain a maximum of 96 units," Hamilton said. "This number is more compatible with the character of the community."

Hamilton also described the project, with a proposed height of 46 to 48 feet, as "towering" above the homes on Floradale Avenue.

"This plan does not foster development projects, land and water conservation, and transportation that have a regional or multi-community benefit," Hamilton said.

In addition to the concepts of Smart Growth, Hamilton questioned the true affordability of the project.

"According to information provided on the DHCD website entitled 'Maximum Incomes and Selling Prices' designed especially for establishing the sales price of affordable units," Hamilton said, "a single-person household cannot afford to purchase a one-bedroom unit in this project."

Hamilton opined that one-bedroom units within Crystal Commons are affordable to two-person households and that two-bedroom units are affordable to three-person households.

Hamilton's comments and the Board of Selectmen's unanimous vote to support the decision of the Housing Partnership to disapprove will be sent to DHCD for review.

Representatives of Crystal Commons were present in the audience, but declined to offer public comment.

The proponent has submitted a Project Eligibility Application with MassHousing under the state's affordable housing laws and will seek a Comprehensive Permit from the Wilmington Zoning Board of Appeals. The developer is required, through the MassHousing program, to present initial plans to the local Board of Selectmen. The board is then encouraged to offer written comment to the DHCD regarding the proposal.

## Firefighting and fitness unite

FROM PAGE 1

"It is every child's dream to be a fire fighter, and I've had the opportunity to see it from the inside," Whitesides said.

Due to the ongoing National Hockey League strike, Whitesides has had a good deal of time on his hands to devote to Wilmington. At Whiteside's insistence, the fees that Wilmington were planning to pay him are instead going directly to the Boston Bruins Foundation, which provides toys for needy children, the Toys For Wilmington Children program, and to the recently built Justin O'Neil Skate Park at the Shawsheen Street School.

"This is a total community benefit," Stewart said.

According to Stewart, there are four aspects to Whitesides' services to the department. He provides a lecture series to the department on how fitness level affects job performance, provides a tour of the Ristuccia facilities to the department, conducts an overview of the department's fitness room with demonstrations on proper techniques, and will develop individualized programs for everyone in the department.

The ultimate goal is to develop a solid program and then to hand it off to Firefighter Charles Taylor.

"If firefighters were all built like Taylor, they wouldn't need me to come in," said Whitesides.

Taylor's devotion to a physical fitness regimen has long impressed Stewart.

Taylor finished 18th two years ago in the Northeast Regional Firefighter Combat Challenge, an event that involves job-specific events and is often described as the worst two minutes in sports.

Upon the firing of a starting gun, participants of the Combat Challenge grab a 45-pound hose pack and run full speed up 6 flights of stairs. That hose is thrown into a box and a second 45-pound one is pulled up to the

platform by rope. Then it is full speed back down those 6 flights of stairs, hitting every single stair, for the participant. With a 16-pound sledge hammer, the participant must stand over a several hundred-pound slab of steel and knock it a hundred yards. Next comes a full speed run through a 50-yard maze, a hundred yard dash pulling a fully charged hose, and a 150 foot backward run while carrying a 200-pound dummy.

As if that is not challenging enough, the event is done while wearing the full 70 pounds worth of firefighting equipment and breathing through an oxygen mask.

"I believe that fitness is a responsibility to the job," said Taylor. "If two firefighters enter a building and one of them can't do his job, he is risking the life of the other."

Whitesides agrees.

"If an NHL player doesn't stay in shape, he loses his job," said Whitesides. "If these guys don't stay in shape, lives are lost."

Whitesides' primary goal is to establish a general level of fitness and will then work with the department on more job specific exercises. In order to

familiarize himself with the stresses experienced on the job, he is receiving various trainings with fire fighting equipment and has even attended the Fire Fighters Academy.

"I've never been a firefighter, but I've never been an NHL player either," says Whitesides. "That is the trick to my job, to figure out the best way to train people to do their jobs."

Stewart and Taylor are thrilled to see a program that they had both been eager to implement for several years taking shape. Such a fitness program will help tremendously in reducing injuries and medical conditions among fire fighters.

"I can feel the momentum building within the department," said Stewart. "It is a voluntary program, but I see some people who may not have been so inclined taking part."

Taylor agrees.

"There are some great athletes in this department already," said Taylor. "I am getting 100 percent participation in my shift and the participation level department wide has got to be 80 to 90 percent."



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# Selectmen spar over library vote

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would be expanded, on Middlesex Avenue.

Each of the selectmen aired their varying positions on October 25 and, following some discussion, McCoy called for a vote.

"Why don't we just get to a vote," McCoy said. "Is there a motion from this board to recommend the Whitefield site be the site to make a recommendation to the Board of Library Trustees?"

Selectman Michael Newhouse offered a motion to recommend the Whitefield site as the number one location. The motion failed, with only Newhouse voting in favor.

"Let's go right down the row," McCoy said. "That way we can get this thing done. Wildwood site?"

Following an inaudible comment from Lepore, McCoy answered, "I'm going right down the row, now I'll just go Wildwood."

The motion was made, but the motion failed by a vote of four to zero. Newhouse stated that he was abstaining. Since he opposed none of the sites, he wished not to send a mixed message.

McCoy then asked if a motion would be made to recommend the Swain site. That motion was offered by Selectman Raymond Lepore.

"Just a quick comment," Selectman West said. "You are looking for just one primary site. You are not looking for a site and an alternate, you are looking for one site."

"Everyone pretty much knows what they are going to do and vote," McCoy said. "So what I recommend is that if you are going to vote for the Swain site, vote for the Swain site."

Sullivan asked for a clarification on whether the vote was in relation to location only.

"That is why I want to go down the row," McCoy said.

Lepore and Sullivan cast their votes for the Swain site. With two votes in favor, McCoy turned to Newhouse.

"Mike, here's your chance, guy," McCoy said. "Do you want to do it?"

"You have - are you calling for a vote or are you..." Newhouse began.

"I'm calling for a vote," said McCoy.

"Two votes in favor?" Newhouse asked.

McCoy affirmed that there were currently two votes in favor of building a new library at the Swain site.

"I'll vote in favor of the Swain then," Newhouse said.

McCoy declared the Swain site as winning the majority support of the board in a 3 to 2 vote, with himself and West voting against.

Sullivan and Lepore called on McCoy to call for a vote to expand the current site, despite the board having already reached a majority.

There was a good deal of discussion and both Sullivan and Lepore stated that they were under the impression that all four sites would be voted on regardless. The procedure, however, was nearly identical to the one used in June of 2003 to appoint Town Counsel; a vote that both Lepore and Sullivan took part in without issue.

Lepore and Sullivan also argued that Newhouse should not have had the opportunity to cast two votes. Since his vote was part of a failed motion, however, he was allowed the right to cast another vote.

Having reached a majority consensus, McCoy ruled that only by rescinding the previous vote could a vote then be taken for the recommendation of the current site. Otherwise, the board would be in the difficult position of having majority support for two sites.

"I've been in this game long enough to know that when there are three votes, it's a majority," said McCoy.

West made a motion to rescind, but Town Manager Michael Caira advised McCoy that only a member of the prevailing side may rescind. West, who opposed the Swain site, was ineligible.

It was up to Sullivan, Newhouse, or Lepore to make a motion to rescind.

"I won't vote to rescind it," Sullivan said. "I think they have a right to know what majority. Whatever. Do what

you want. I'll vote for the current (site) too, but I won't vote to rescind."

Lepore concurred.

"I won't rescind my vote," Lepore said.

Sullivan offered a motion to vote on the current site, but did not motion to rescind. McCoy refused to recognize it.

"Are you ruling my motion out of order?" Sullivan asked. "I think that's the only way that you can do it is to rule it out of order."

McCoy ruled the motion out of order.

"I'm going to rule the motion out of order, and the only way I'm going to allow it is if the people who made the vote have the guts to rescind it, because you made a mistake," McCoy said.

Sullivan contended that she

did not make a mistake and that she supported two sites for two different reasons; the current site serving a renovation project and the Swain site serving a new construction project.

McCoy gave the prevailing side one last opportunity, that being the fifth, to rescind the previous vote. When a motion was not made, McCoy declared the Swain site as having received majority support.

Sullivan does feel that the Swain site is an ideal location for a new library.

"If the town decides to build a new library," Sullivan said recently, "the Swain is the best site, even better really than the current site."

She contends, however, that the economic climate is not suitable for building a new library, an opinion that she and

McCoy share.

"I'm holding out on making my final decision until I see what the actual costs are going to be," Sullivan said. "If this was five years ago, it would be a no-brainer. The Library Trustees deserve the opportunity to present the numbers to the public."

McCoy feels that Sullivan recently misled seniors at the Senior Center and the public by repeatedly stating that McCoy did not allow her to vote for the current site.

"She is running away from her vote," McCoy said later. "I gave her multiple opportunities to rescind her vote. She doesn't have to apologize to me; she should apologize to the senior citizens."

# DeRensis named "Super Lawyer" by Boston Magazine

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Mr. DeRensis is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School.

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**SMACKDOWN.** Musclemen from the All-Star Wrestling Association were well-matched when they stopped by West Real Estate in Wilmington last weekend and mingled with fans of all ages during an event held for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Seated, in front, are Captain USA; West Real Estate owner Frank "The Selectman" West; and West's daughter, Colleen. In back of them, from left to right, are Sergeant Jeff Gladden; Iron Man Tim Walker; Flash Fahrenheit; Tommy Boy Mullins; West Real Estate owner Karen West and her son, Frankie; and Ox Baker. The Wests collected 1,000 toys last weekend, guaranteeing lots of kids a Merry Christmas. (Denise Blair photo)

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## WHS Boys Hoop Preview

# 'Cats looking to make it four in a row

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Over the last three years, the Wilmington High School boys basketball team has almost dominated the Cape Ann League. In addition they made two appearances in the Division 3 North sectional final. During that span, the 'Cats have gone 40-8 against Cape Ann League teams, have won three straight league titles and finished last year with an 20-4 overall record, including the 61-57 heartbreaking loss to Lynn Tech.

Gone from last year's team is the team's size, especially up front. However, returning are a handful of very talented athletes who are looking to do nothing more than continue the tremendous tradition this program has established. But before anyone can jump ahead of themselves and already give the team another league title and its tenth post season berth in the past eleven years, it has a long way to get to that point but to no fault of their own.

"We've only had four full team practices," said head coach Jim McCune. "I know what's down the road for this team, but the question is how long will it take for us to get there? We have a lot of work ahead of us. I think the expectations for this team right now for us to be as good as we were last year is not fair to the guys we have right now. This is probably the youngest team I've had here in a while, and the first year of having a point guard who does not have a lot of experience playing for me."

Because of the success of the football team which went to the Division 2A playoffs during the week that the winter season begun, the Wildcat basketball team suffered because it had two of its starters and two other players on the gridiron and away from the court. McCune said that right now the team is not where it needs to be, especially conditioning, defensively and just getting familiar with one another as a team. With the first game of the season this past Tuesday night against a good North Reading team, the veteran coach is concerned with how long it's going to take for this team to come together.

"We lost two very good leaders from last year's team with Mike Kelley and Derek Trueira," said McCune. "They were tremendous leaders, who were very vocal and very outgoing. This

year the leaders we have are quiet and reserved. Right now we're just struggling with the things that were the foundation for us over the years. We're not very good defensively, and we're struggling with our conditioning. In the end we're going to be good, especially once we develop some consistency and a routine. We just haven't had enough practice time together. I think we're about four or five full days behind right now. I'm excited with what we have because once it comes together I think we're going to have another good team."

This year's team has just four seniors, while the rest of the team is comprised of six juniors and three sophomores. Senior Eric Olilla will be the go-to player on the team. The 6-foot-2 co-captain really emerged last year and will be the team's power-forward. Juniors Sean Murphy and Brian Caira appear to be the front runners upfront as well. Murphy, a terrific athlete, stands in at 6-foot-2 and will play center, and Caira stands at 6-foot-1 and will play the small forward spot. Caira sat out Tuesday's opener with six stitches on his lip, but will be looked upon as a full-time player for this year's team.

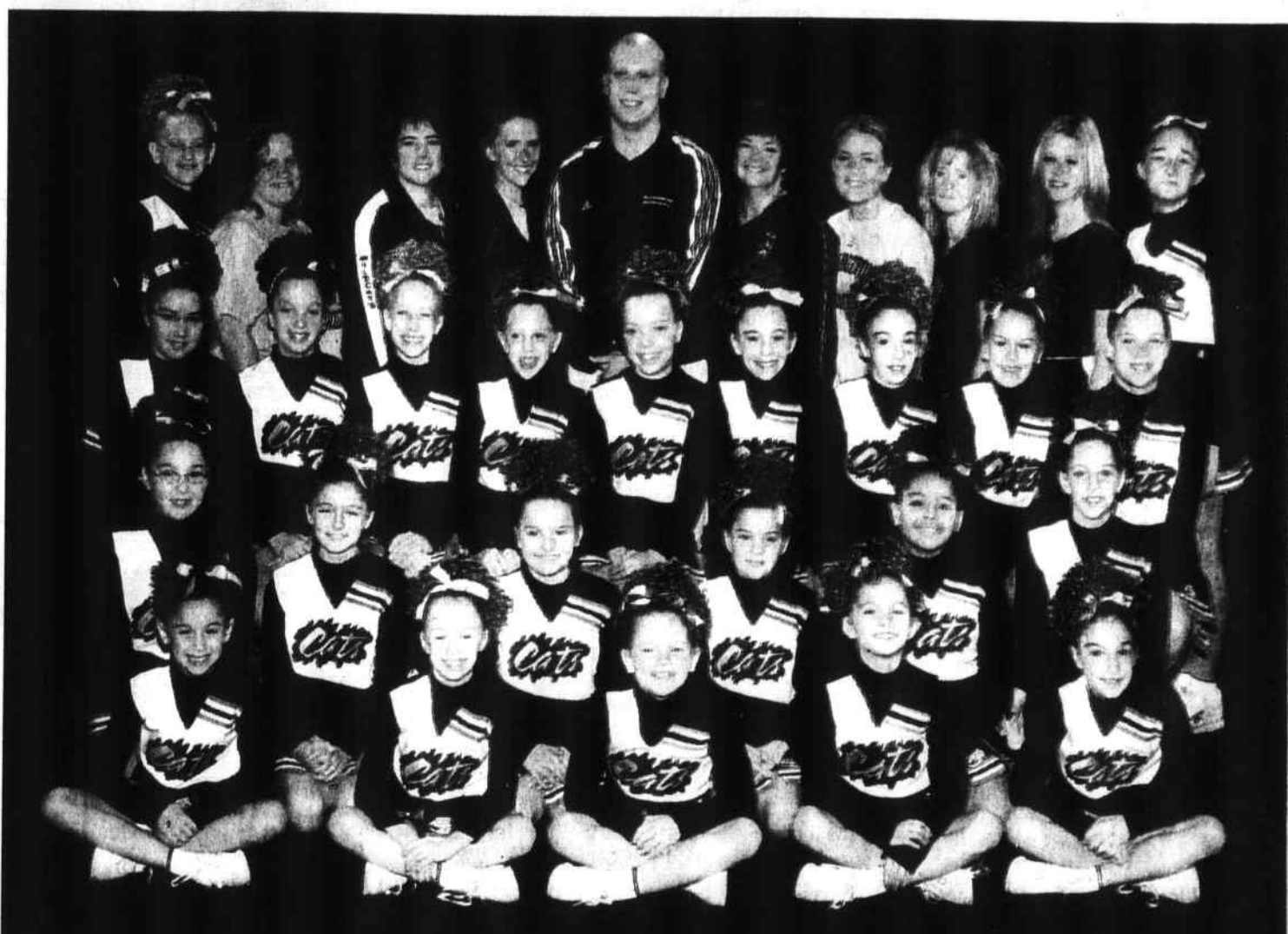
In the backcourt, senior transfer Mark Giordano appears to have the lock at the point guard position, and junior Joe Herra will be the off-guard, or the shooting guard.

"Mark came over from Malden Catholic," said McCune. "I'm glad he made the switch. He played for them, and I think he's going to be a real nice addition to the program. He fits in as another great kid in the program, both on and off the court."

Herra, who led the football team to its sensational 11-1 season, is a tremendous perimeter shooter who can really get hot in a hurry and really bury the treys. He improved on his ball control and defense last year and with his defense.

"I think we have seven kids who are starters or who could be starters," said McCune. "We also have some sophomores who will see their time. We don't have great team size or overwhelming team speed but we're counting on the tradition of not only us but the other

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The Wilmington Pop Warner D cheerleading team are the National Champions after the competition held last week in Disney World in Florida. The Lady Cats are the first team in program history to take a national championship.

(courtesy photo)

D team takes first; A team takes second at Nationals in Florida

# Cheerleading teams tops in the entire country

Instead of the cold temperatures here in Boston, the Wilmington Pop Warner A and D cheerleading teams traveled to Florida and visited with Mickey and friends claiming their way to National standards.

The D team, coached by Karen Faison, Jacqueline Welch, Diana Harper, Amanda Dacko, Nicole Bonnocolto and under the direction of Wilmington Cheering director Tricia Welch and Assistant director Diana Crampton, came home with a National Cheerleading Championship trophy last Tuesday, December 7th.

It's the first time in the long tradition of Wilmington Pop Warner that a cheerleading team has won a national title.

The A team meanwhile finished in second overall place in the National competition.

The excitement for these girls is just not describable as they warm up and get ready to take the floor, for what is probably the most exciting and stressful

two minutes of their lives. The room is packed with parents, grandparents, siblings and fans alike, making the amazement of the teams focus and concentration for the perfect routine unbelievable as they are being scrutinized by a panel of judges.

Then there is the waiting and watching as the other teams compete before your team is finally called back to the floor for the awards ceremony. Well for the D team the long wait was worth it as for the first time in Pop Warner history this awesome team was awarded the first place title of National champions.

The members of the D team are: Alexandria Leaden, Megan Torres, Christa Monteforte, Meaghan Wambolt, Lindsey McCarthy, MacKenzie Harper, Amanda Wolfe, Michelle Nelson, Stephanie Mazzie, Melissa Aiesi, Catherine Mahoney, Shannon Murphy, Brandie Queen, Jessica Phelan, Miranda Faison, Jordan Malsatesta,

Brittany Zaccagnini, Nicole Botelho, Julie Welch, Mary Torres, Shauna Mazzie, and Danielle Reynolds.

The A team cheerleaders, who have made the trip to the nationals before, were there to claim the second place National title. Even though these girls have been to Florida in previous years, the amount of work, excitement and anticipation is no less than in the years before.

The undeniable talent of these athletes as they flip, tumble, fly and dance their way into a flawless routine is incredible. The A team is coached by Alicia Forester, Michelle Forester, Nicole Minghella, Michelle Minghella, Tricia Fennelly and Deb Smith, also under the direction of Tricia Welch.

The A team cheerleaders are: Amanda Murree, Kayla Ward, Christina Moretti, Victoria Tanzella, Nicole Simbeck, Ashley Valente, Nicole Feeney, Danielle Underwood, Erica Patton, Valerie Crampton,

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On behalf of the entire Pop Warner organization we would like to thank the Town of Wilmington for all their support and generous donations to help these teams get to the nationals and show what there talents can bring home to our town, "National Titles". We can not express the gratitude the girls feel from such a supportive town.

Congratulations to all the girls and coaches!

On Sunday there will be a parade in honor of these teams. The parade will start at 2:00 p.m. from the Town Hall and continue onto Main Street to route 62 and ending at the Town Common.

## Boys hoop team wins opener on the road

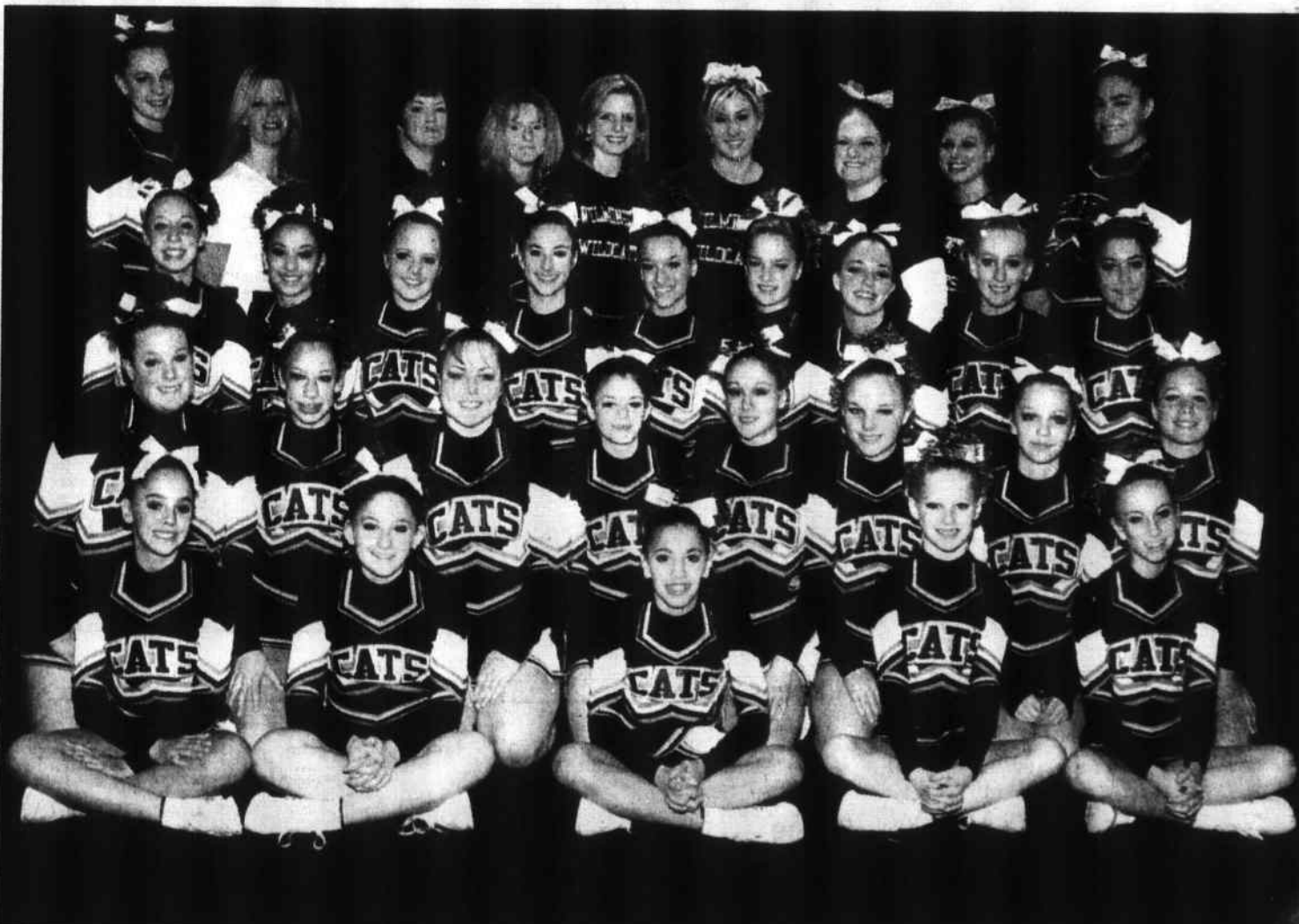
By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Season opening games can always get the nerves going. Add that to the facts that the Wilmington High boys basketball team is young, barely practiced together this season, and were facing a very tough, physical team in North Reading, who are led by a big center named Ryan Dooley.

But when push came to shove,

the Wildcats buried the hatchet by doing the important things to seal a victory: play tough defense when it mattered, and hit the free throws. That along with a lot of heart and hustle gave the three-time defending Cape Ann League champion Wildcats a 57-52 victory over North Reading on Tuesday night.

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The Wilmington Pop Warner A cheerleading team took second place in the entire country competing at the nationals held last week in Florida.

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## WHS Girls Ice Hockey Preview

# Lady 'Cats gearing for another league title

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

In a span of 12 months, the Wilmington High girls hockey team went from a four-win season, to a 17-win campaign which included its first ever league title and first ever state tournament appearance.

Now with almost the entire team back from last year's 17-4 season, this year's roster is looking to continue right where it left off from last March.

"I think we're looking good," said coach Joe McMahon. "We lost some girls from last year but we have some talent that is moving right in to those spots."

Once again the state realigned its girls hockey divisions and Wilmington is in the North Cape League along with Cambridge, Gloucester, Marblehead and Masconomet, while there's three other divisions comprising of 19 combined teams. The 'Cats opened their season on Wednesday against Waltham, and have a road trip against Marblehead on Friday before its home opener slated for December 22nd against Acton-Boxboro.

"I think we can do very well," said McMahon. "We're in a real good league but what I like about this year's team is we have a lot of utility players. We

can put so many girls anywhere on the else and feel comfortable."

McMahon hasn't figured out his offensive lines as of yet but what he does know is that he has all four of his defensemen back from last year as well as goalie Julie Martell, who is back for her fourth season as the team's goalie. Martell and defenseman Jen Corcoran are the team's co-captains.

Defensively the team should be very strong with Corcoran, the team's best all-around skater leading the way with sophomore Lauren Heenan, junior Melissa Bianchi and senior Kristine Barry making up the other three blueliners.

Heenan came a long way just during last season, Bianchi is one of the four players from North Reading who played extremely well last year, and Barry is a solid, steady defenseman.

Up front, Wilmington will be looking to replace the firepower of Rachele See, who was the league's MVP last year. McMahon has six forwards who he likes for the top two lines but he wasn't sure which trio would be put together. Maria Tucker is a center who can score, while, Katelyn Lynch, Alison Powers and Jessica Scioli were all valu-

able contributors to the team last year.

Casey Pickett, an eighth grader and Marie Pescatore, a freshman, have also opened up some eyes and will be in the mix on the top two lines.

Seniors Kerry Porter and Katie Martell with junior Erin Magee will form the third offensive line and McMahon said they have looked strong in the pre-season too.

Sophomores Brittany Zolt and Alicia Valari and seventh grader Kaitlyn Sousa add depth up front, while, eighth grader Bridget Griffin and seventh grader Krystyn McNally are also in the mix on the blue line. Seventh grader Amelia Woodbury is the team's back-up goalie.

McMahon said he is thrilled with the way things are going so far and really likes the overall potential of the team.

"Casey Pickett is quite a skater and Tucker is bigger and stronger this year," said McMahon. "Scioli and Allison Powers are back strong and the defense is looking really strong. Marie Pescatore has a lot of potential and I think we're not only strong for this season but the overall future looks really good too."

## Freshmen class making a splash

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA  
Sports Correspondent

Remember these words: "You can expect great things from the class of 2008."

In an ever-changing world of sports where new stars emerge seemingly overnight and new strategies and fads are rampant, the Wilmington High School Freshman class is a potpourri of new styles and winning ways.

The freshman football team had a fantastic year, going 10-0 in the Cape Ann League. A strong determination to win and a tough, rugged style of play propelled them to a perfect record. The varsity staff is looking forward to inheriting the deep amount of talent rising through the ranks. As we saw this year, depth can win championships. And the varsity team certainly used youth and depth to their advantage.

On the hoops' scene, there is an abundance of talent for both boys and girls. On the boys side, the freshmen are expecting a great year with a team of players who have been together for years, growing up together. On the girls' side, a strong core

that has proven to be strong in the past, again a good unity, is back together for the Lady Cats. A unique blend of speed, size, and technique will propel both teams far.

On the ice, the boys hockey program is anything but NHL: prosperous, talented, and coming on strong. As enthusiastic a class as ever, a surplus of excessive flair and ability will make the program strong for the next four years. A stacked freshmen group will prove key roles in the high school hockey success. A depth of ability at each and every position will make for heated competition on the varsity team in the future.

And of course on the diamond there is certainly no lack of ability. A strong program for many years, the Little League of Wilmington has produced some major talent and now it can be showcased on the grand stage. There is monstrous turnout expected at the spring tryouts and you can be sure Wilmington High School baseball will see a huge tidal wave or momentum come surging through the ranks.

So how on earth can one class

be so talented? It's time to give credit where credit is due. It's all about the coaches. These volunteers, emphasis on the word volunteer, spend hours molding and crafting talented and intelligent athletes. From the first time most of these kids took a sport to heart they were probably very young, about seven. Coaches must cradle their desire and passion for the game to keep them plugging away to get better at a game. How about the parents? They have to drive their children to practices every night in some cases and they are always the number one fans. They are tireless in making sure their kids are participating in an activity that is right for them.

The class of 2008 is a product of hard work, determination, dedication and an unyielding pursuit of success. Never has there been such a well-rounded group of athletes capable of succeeding in so many different fields of play. In 2008, mark these words, there will be a few more banners hanging up in the high school gym.



The Wilmington High girls ice hockey team gets underway on Wednesday behind co-captains Jen Corcoran (left) and Katie Martell (right).

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Where's the Action

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Tewksbury Sports</b>				
Thurs	Dec 16	J/V Boys Hoop	at Lincoln-Sudbury	5/6:30 PM
Fri	Dec 17	J/V Girls Hoop	vs Notre Dame Acad.	6/7:30 PM
Sat	Dec 18	B/G Track	Winter Festival at RLC	9:30 AM
Sat	Dec 18	Wrestling	at Wilm Tourney	10:00 AM
Sat	Dec 18	V Hockey	vs Central Catholic	Noon
Mon	Dec 20	B/G Track	at Methuen	3:30 PM
Tues	Dec 21	Fr B/G Hoop	vs Methuen	3:30 PM
Tues	Dec 21	J/V Girls Hoop	at Methuen	6/7:30 PM
Tues	Dec 21	J/V Boys Hoop	vs Methuen	6/7:30 PM
Wed	Dec 22	V Boys Hockey	vs Lin-Sudbury	6:00 PM
Wed	Dec 22	Wrestling	at Reading	7:00 PM

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Fri	Dec 17	V Girls Hockey	vs Marblehead @SSC	5:30 PM
Fri	Dec 17	J/V Boys Hoop	vs Masconomet	5:30/7 PM
Fri	Dec 17	J/V Girls Hoop	at Masconomet	5:30/7 PM
Sat	Dec 18	Wrestling	SOI Tourney	10:00 AM
Sat	Dec 18	B/G Track	vs Lynnfield at NA	1:30 PM
Sat	Dec 18	V Boys Hockey	vs North Andover	3:30 PM
Tues	Dec 21	J/V Boys Hoop	at Pentucket	5/6:30 PM
Tues	Dec 21	J/V Girls Hoop	vs Pentucket	5:30/7 PM
Wed	Dec 22	V Boys Hockey	at Triton (Graf)	7:00 PM
Wed	Dec 22	V Girls Hockey	vs Acton-Boxboro	7:20 PM

### Shawsheen Tech Sports

Thurs	Dec 16	V Hockey	vs Lynn Tech	7:00 PM
Fri	Dec 17	V Boys Hoop	at Tyngsboro	4:45 PM
Fri	Dec 17	V Girls Hoop	vs Tyngsboro	5:15 PM
Sat	Dec 18	Wrestling	at SOI Tourney - Wilm	10:00 AM
Sat	Dec 18	V Hockey	at Bishop Fenwick	TBA
Mon	Dec 20	Swimming	at Gr. Lawrence	3:30 PM
Mon	Dec 20	V Boys Hoop	at Northshore	4:45 PM
Mon	Dec 20	V Girls Hoop	vs Northshore	5:15 PM
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# Girls track team ready to compete in CAL



The Wilmington High girls indoor track team gets underway this week behind its seniors, from left to right, Alicia Braid, JoAnn Waterhouse and Debbie Lyons.

(Jessica Styles photo)

By SANDRA FLETCHER  
Sports Correspondent

After losing several good runners to graduation head coach Tom Bradley is looking for the remaining athletes to step up and make their mark this season for Wilmington High girls indoor track team.

"I am pleased so far through out our two weeks of practices," said Bradley. "(Assistant coach) Jodi (McKenzie) and I are working on putting the girls in the right events for them and after our first meet we will make any necessary adjustments."

MacKenzie and Bradley have already narrowed down the number of girls in each of the nine events. Junior and returning teammate Jackie Mello will continue to run the 50-yard dash and this year will also run as the anchor in the 4x400 yard relay.

"Jackie is one of the top sprinters in the league," said Bradley. "We will expect a lot from her as a teammate and one of the co captains."

Mello will also compete in the high jump. Last season Mello placed second in the Cape Ann League meet, second at the Class C State Meet and fourth at the All State Meet which

allowed her to qualify for the New England Meet. Mello is the first girl from Wilmington to qualify for the New England meet in 10 years and ran well with a time of 7.47 seconds putting her in ninth place.

Mello along with seven other girls are the only returning teammates this year and Bradley is looking to his freshmen and sophomores for strengths in different events. Sophomores Alanna Lacey will compete in the 1,000 yard dash and Courtney Parsons will compete in the two mile. Senior captain Debbie Lyons will compete in the 50-yard dash, hurdles, shot putt, and 4x400 relay. Last season Lyons was the MVP and placed second in the 50 yard hurdles.

"This is a different team from last years so I really do not know what to expect from them," said Bradley. "With 24 girls we have a small team and hopefully that will help us to work more closely on the individual skills."

Also on the team are seniors Alicia Braid, and JoAnn Waterhouse. Juniors Jen Comer, Adrienne Fisher and Kristina Kovalenko. The remaining 12 are freshmen. Kovalenko ran cross country

for Bradley in the fall and she will most likely run the 1,000. Braid will high jump and lead the other few girls in this category according to Bradley. Braid will also compete in the 50 yard dash as well.

Comer runs the 300 yard dash and participate in the 4x400 relay. Bradley noted that he is expecting great strides from Comer this year and fully believes that she will qualify for the state meets this season.

As for the freshmen on the team Stephanie Baimier is already clearing four feet in the high jump and will also compete in the hurdles as well. Sasha Reilly hurdled for Bradley on the middle school team and will continue that. Krista Murphy will shot put and Jenny DiNuccio will sprint in either the 300 or 600 yard dash.

The girls first official meet will have already taken place on Wednesday at Ipswich, who was second in the league last season. The girls did have a winning season with a record of 6-4 and Bradley hopes to improve on that this year. The girls will compete on Saturday, Dec. 18 at North Andover High School against Triton.

## Boys track team looking to improve on .500 mark

By SANDRA FLETCHER  
Sports Correspondent

With 42 boys on the Wilmington High boys indoor track team, Head Coach Bob Cripps is just trying to figure out where each team member will fit in.

Junior captain Will Nieman and senior captains Brian Giamberardino and Chris Murray from last season will continue to provide leadership in not only their events but for the team as a whole. Giamberardino will compete in the shot put and the 50 yard dash while Murray will compete in the mile.

"Chris [Murray] is one of the best milers in the league," said Cripps. "I am looking to all of the guys for strengths in each event and Chris will provide that in the mile."

The relay race competitors will be decided after the first meet to see just how everyone competes in their individual events. In the hurdles sophomores Mike Stewart and Ryan Dooley will compete and in the shot-put Nieman will step up along with Giamberardino.

Junior Matt Robinson will compete in the high jump along with sophomore Mike Golden both of who have already cleared the opening height of 4-10. Junior Rick Fudge and Giamberardino will compete in the 50-yard dash while Murray and junior Tony Karalekas will compete in the mile.

Freshman Mike Condell and senior Victor Dellisola will run the 300 yard dash and junior Chris Crosby will run the 600. Juniors P.J. Russo and Kevin Robillard will run the 1,000 and

Russo is noted as one of the best in the league. For the 2-mile Cripps is looking to junior Miles Chalmers and Sam Oglesby.

Other seniors Ryan Curtis, Bryan Little, and Mike Vassallo also will guide the team with their returning leadership and athletic strengths.

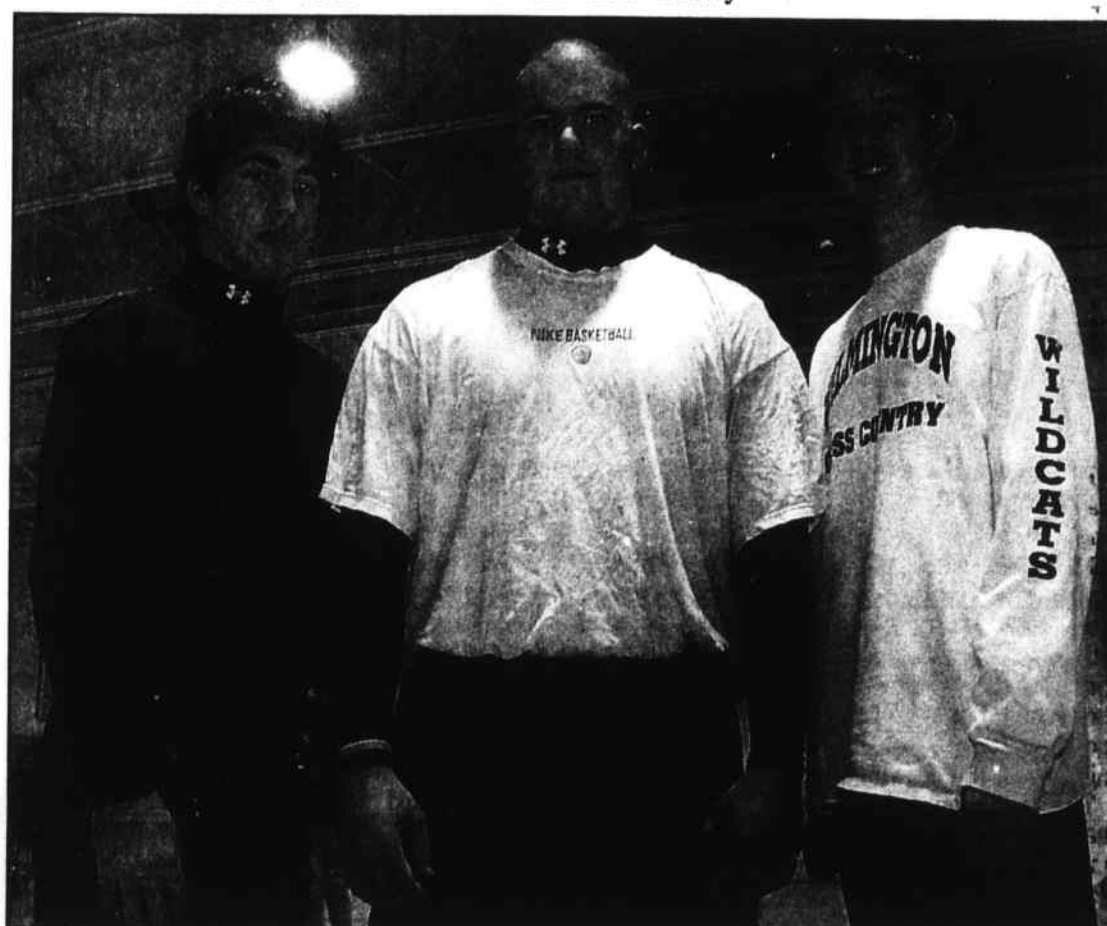
"I am looking to the boys for depth," said Cripps. "We are strong in each event but I am looking to see who can dig deeper for the added advancement into each meet."

Right now Cripps says that it is too early to predict anything for the team as a whole, having only two weeks of practice in the rain and the cold but he is hopeful that this group of athletes will prove to be a force to be reckoned with in the season. The first meet for the boys

team will have been held on Wednesday against Ipswich. This Saturday, the boys will travel to North Andover High School to compete against Lynnfield.

"We finished with a record of 4-4 last season and I would definitely like to improve on that," said Cripps. "I do not really have any expectations as of yet, I am waiting to see what each athlete gives at the meet and how we finish out as a whole before I make any decisions."

Cripps has been a coach for over 30 years and always hopes for a winning season and this year is no different. With talented athletes Cripps believes that at the beginning of a new season every team has a fair chance and he hopes that his Wilmington Wildcats will run with that.



The Wilmington High School boys indoor track team will be led by tri-captains (from left to right) Brian Giamberardino, Will Nieman and Chris Murray

(Jessica Styles photo)

## Gustin takes 8th at Winter Carnival

The University of Massachusetts Lowell Men's Track and Field team participated at the Northeastern University Husky Winter Carnival at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury on Saturday. Jason Gustin (Wilmington, MA) represented UML's middle distance unit well, placing eighth (second among Division II and III runners), in the 1,000 meters. Gustin's time was 2:35.36.



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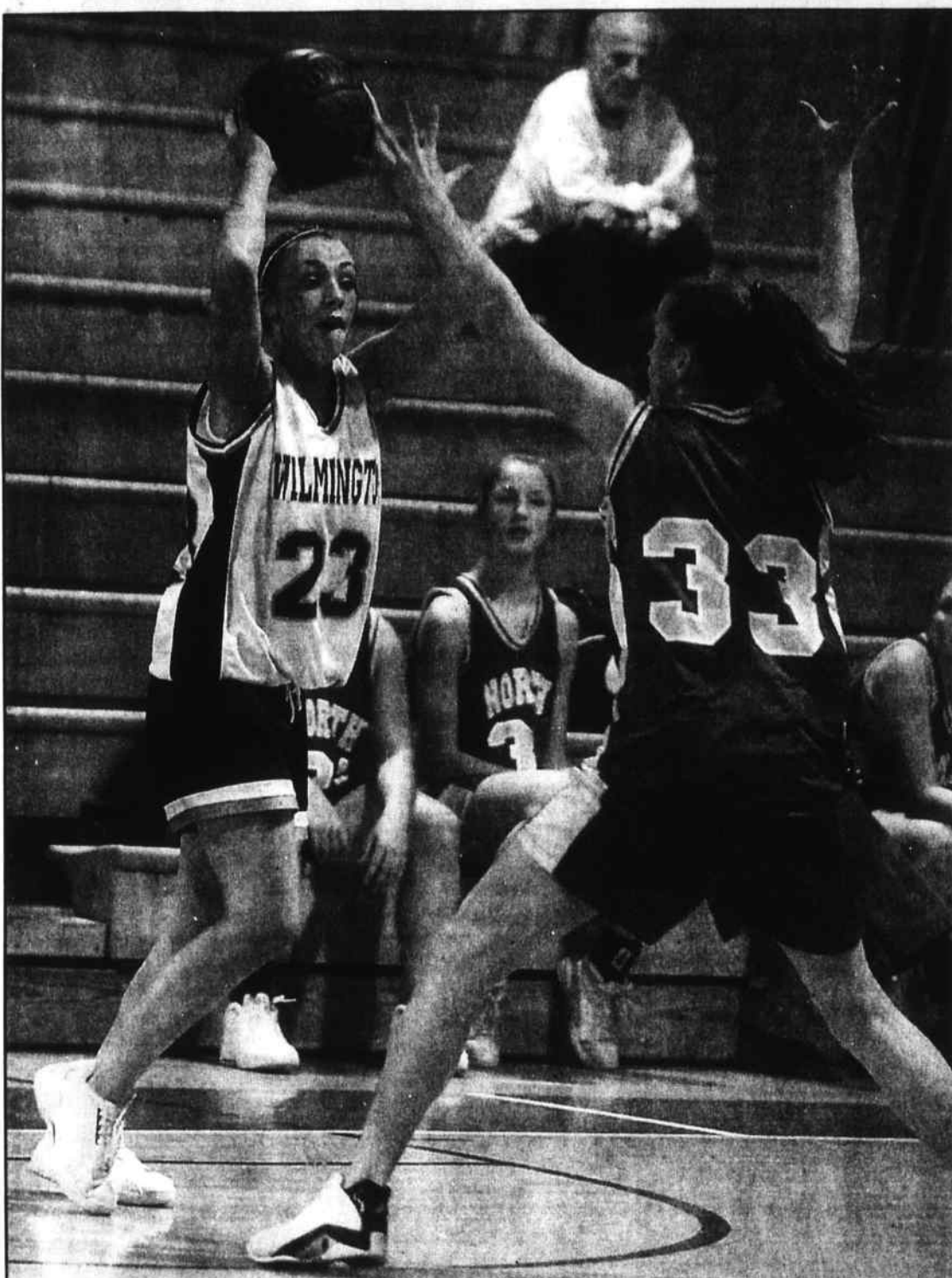
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WHS Girls Hoop takes on North Reading

# Lady 'Cats almost squandered big lead in opener



Wilmington High sophomore Samantha Canning looks to make a pass during Tuesday night's season opening win over North Reading at home.

(Jonathon Whitmore photo)

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

When you hold teams to just five points in the first half, it's pretty safe to think you earned a victory.

The Wilmington High girls basketball team almost flipped those odds completely over in their season and home opener Tuesday night against North Reading.

Leading 23-5 at halftime, the 'Cats held a slim 26-23 lead with 7:53 to go, before they settled down, played their game and outscored North Reading 13-4 the rest of the way to come away with a 39-27 victory.

Wilmington which started off 1-5 last season, have now won 12-of-their-last-17 games, and had just two seniors on last year's team and have just one senior on this year's club.

The one senior on this year's team bailed them out of trouble. Lani Cabral Pini set the tone in the first half burying four three-pointers, and her experience and leadership on the floor proved big down the stretch as she finished the night with a game high 14 points.

Sophomore Ashley Vitale struggled in the first half with two fouls, but came up big in the second half scoring 7 of her 12 points in the final 7:39 of the game.

"I thought the overall team

defense has improved from last year to tonight," said head coach Al Duffett. "We had the help man-to-man coverage and we were pressuring the ball. I thought Courtney Brown was just awesome as the lead point on the press. She didn't score much tonight, but she was huge defensively, and both offensive and defensive rebounding."

Wilmington started off with a 15-2 lead midway through the first half with five different players figuring in the scoring. Cabral Pini nailed two of her treys early on and her second one began a 10-0 run by the 'Cats capped off by three solid buckets by Courtney Brown, freshman Alyssa Brown and sophomore Samantha Canning.

After Canning scored on a nice inside basket to open the second half, North Reading found a spark and rolled with a 18-1 run to put themselves back in the game trailing 26-23 after two consecutive three-pointers by Rachel Palazzolo.

Wilmington stopped trying to force things, stopped their errant passes and settled down with better passes and by going to the net which opened up the floor.

With 6:32 left, sophomore Brienne Bozzella came off the bench and scored on a great left handed drive in the

lane which gave the 'Cats some breathing room with a seven point lead.

"I thought the substitution of Brienne was the key to the game," said Duffett. "Her energy really picked up the pace of the game and helped us out tremendously."

Vitale followed Bozzella's basket with a big put back and freebie on the three-point play and then another two points on a shot coming from inside the paint.

"Ashley struggled in the first half and I don't know if it's because she was underneath the basket too much, or because she was being whacked too many times, or because she was in foul trouble," said Duffett. "But in the second half she was great - she really played well."

Cabral Pini and Vitale combined for 26 of the team's points, while Vitale also added 9 rebounds. Courtney Brown finished with 8 boards, while Canning and Bozzella each had four points.

Freshman Alyssa Brown looked very good in her debut, showing great signs of basketball knowledge. She finished with one basket and five rebounds.

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# 'Cats penalized in season opener

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

With 19 combined penalties and nine infractions on the home town team, it was tough for the Wilmington High Wildcats to get into any kind of groove during Saturday afternoon's season and home opener against Newburyport.

Perhaps the nearly 30 minutes the team spent in the box, with the overall youth and inexperience of the team, as well as the fact that the Cape Ann League began its season a week before every other league in the state, made it one long afternoon.

When the final buzzer went off at Ristuccia Exposition Center the 'Cats were defeated 2-0 and it was simply a frustrating few hours.

"I thought we played hard and we hustled but conditioning looks like it's a problem. We looked really winded in the third period. We were outshot badly in that third period. Our inability to execute with the man up hurt us. And this is with veteran players and they have a responsibility. Our guys are not ready. They don't believe they will face the intensity every night. There is a big difference from playing youth hockey to varsity high school hockey.

"The intensity level (at the varsity) every night is really high and they have to understand that. We have a lot of guys who don't have that intensity yet.

"I thought we played hard and I'm not questioning that. I thought the energy level was there but penalties hurt as always and they got their one goal (before the empty netter) on the man up and that was the

game winner. We had a chance at the end with the man up and they got the empty net goal. But throughout the game I have my top players in the penalty box several times and you don't win games that way."

One of the biggest questions heading into the season was answered rather quickly. After losing an all-league goalie, Scanlon was left with two seniors who came up from the JV team. Tim Anderson got the nod and looked extremely good, turning away 23 of the 24 shots he faced, giving up just one goal on a Clipper power play.

"Timmy played very well in the net. He made some great saves, particularly when they were peppering him (late in the third period)," said Scanlon.

The first period didn't have much action in terms of scoring chances for both teams. Newburyport held a 7-4 edge in shots. Early in the second period, the 'Cats had several nice scoring bids, with three of their seven shots coming on a power play. Freshman Eric Siegal came off the left hand circle and put a hard slap shot on net which was turned away by goalie Matt O'Connor (15 saves).

Right after the bid from the rookie came back-to-back chances from Shane Foley and Siegal again as they both tried to poke the loose puck home at the side of the net after it came from behind O'Connor.

Late in the second period, Newburyport went on the power play and behind terrific passing that started from JT Leary, teammate Tony Matt perfectly placed a pass across the ice from the left hand circle to the far post where Max

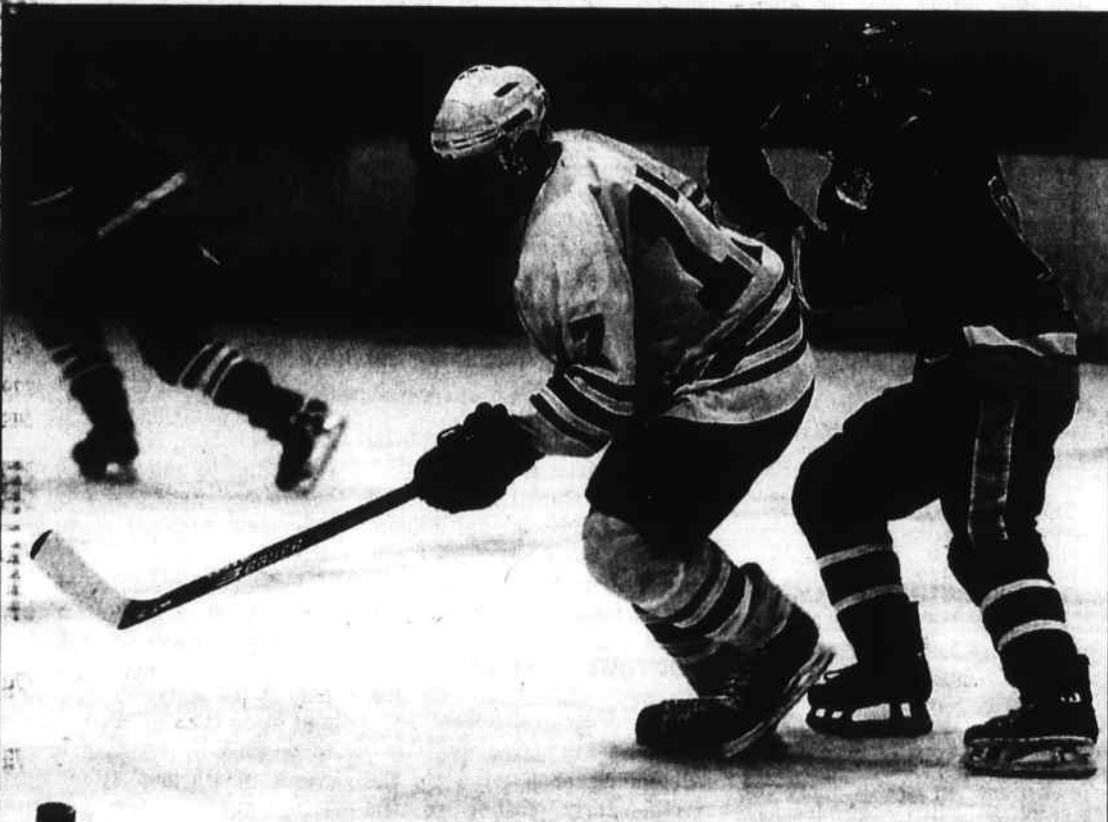
Bayko came streaking down the blue line and put home the one-timer and Anderson had no chance for what became the game winning goal.

Wilmington again had several decent bids in the third period to tie the game up. Dave Griffin missed a good chance with O'Connor out of the net, and with less than half the period left, the 'Cats began a great chance with tic-tac-toe passing from Zach Church to Ed Tucker to George Boudreau, who found Zack Wilkins uncovered and his backhand was covered up by O'Connor.

Shortly thereafter, Newburyport stormed the net as Anderson had to make three body saves in a matter of seconds as he was busy with shots with three minutes to go in the game. With exactly 90 seconds to go in the game, Newburyport was called for a penalty and Wilmington pulled Anderson thirty seconds later for the two-man advantage but the Clippers were able to get an empty net goal behind Kelan Corkum to ice the victory at 2-0.

"We obviously needed more prep time because we're not ready," said Scanlon. "Mental toughness we're not there - you are suppose to walk away from that stuff and we didn't. But starting a week earlier before (the other leagues) has hurt us because we're not ready right now."

The 'Cats return home this Saturday against North Andover beginning at 3:30, as that follows the anticipated St. John's Prep-Hingham match-up with that game scheduled at 1:20.



Wilmington High freshman forward Eric Siegal skates ahead with the puck during Saturday afternoon's season opening 2-0 loss against Newburyport.

(Jessica Styles photo)

## Big day for wrestling team on Saturday

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

If things go like they did on Saturday, this could very well be a monster season for the Wilmington High wrestling program.

In the team's season and home opener, the 'Cats defeated all three teams in a quad-meet. The 'Cats came out strong and never relinquished its high intensity and strong grappling skills, first posting victories over Cape Ann League rival Lynnfield, 44-6, and Dual County League opponent Weston, 45-30.

In between those two wins, came a big one as the 'Cats crushed defending Division 3 state champion Quabbin Regional, 45-28.

"That was huge," said head coach Mike Pimental on the win over Quabbin out of Barry, Massachusetts. "They lost a lot from last year's team, but our guys really looked great. We still have some things to iron

out, but the kids should be really proud of what they did (on Saturday) because they wrestled great."

Two wrestlers posted all three victories on the day, including senior tri-captain Tin Sughrue and senior Anthony Almeida, who were both 3-0 out of the 140 and 145 pound weight classes, respectively.

Heavyweight Chris Olson, along with senior tri-captain Mike St. Aubin out of the 135 pound division were both 2-0 on the day.

Junior tri-captain Evan Walsh finished 2-1, while, teammates Nathan Clapp, Jon Kelley, Mike Sorrentino and Dan Hall did the same. John Cullen, Greg Boland and Brian Wilson also each had one victory on the day.

"I thought overall the kids looked great and were really well-rounded with all of the different positions," said Pimental. "Whether it was take downs, escaping from the bot-

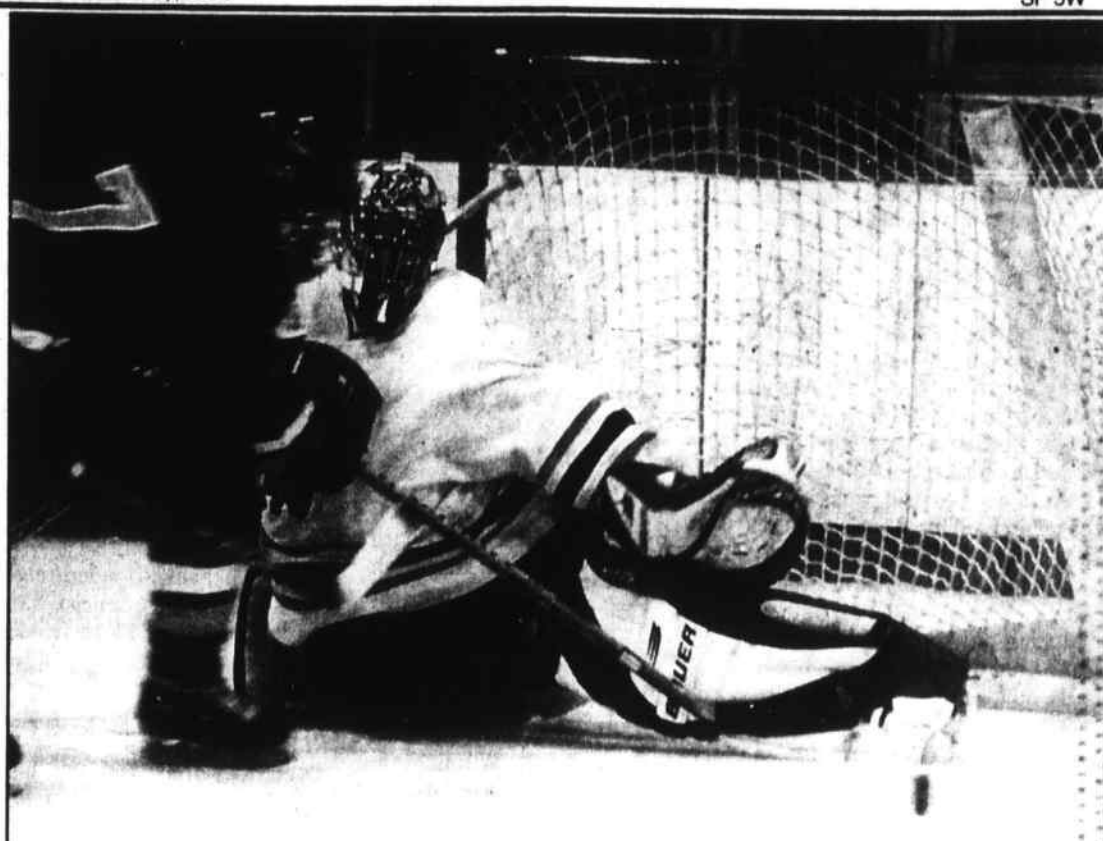
tom I thought we were just well-rounded.

"I thought there was a lot of improvement from all of the guys from last year. They should be proud, it was a real good day for the program."

On Wednesday night, while this paper was being printed, the 'Cats took on Hamilton-Wenham also at Cushing Gymnasium in another league meet.

On Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 am, the annual Sons of Italy wrestling tournament will take place at the high school. The meet will feature 12 teams, some of the best from the area. Wilmington, Tewksbury and Shawsheen Tech all participate from the local teams, while Minuteman Tech, coached by former WHS standout Brian Tildsley will also be among the teams.

North Andover, Dracut, Winchester and Haverhill are other usual teams who participate.



Wilmington High senior Tim Anderson performed very well in his varsity debut turning away 23 of the 24 shots he faced including this terrific left pad save on a breakaway during the 'Cats 2-0 season opening loss to Newburyport on Saturday at Ristuccia Exposition Center.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE  
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SALE

Self-Storage Facility Operator's Sale for non-payment of storage charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L., Chapter 105-A, Section 4. And for the satisfaction of the Facility Operators Lien. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM, Monday, December 28, 2004 on the premises of Wilmington U-Haul Center 687 Main St., Wilmington, MA 01887. All household furniture, trunks, books, tools, clothes, appliances, antiques, bric-a-brac, and miscellany held for the accounts of, Tulsu Gurnani room # 42 and Jose Otayza room # 69. Sale per order of U-HAUL CO., of BOSTON, Tel. (978) 658-3004. Terms: Cash, Units sold by the Entirety. Lic # 151

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the printing of the 2004 Town Report of the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

Mark each envelope: "Bid on 2004 Town Report to be opened at 11:00 a.m., January 12, 2005."

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject any bid or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

12.15.04, 12.22.04 Michael A. Cairra  
4388 Town Manager

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTSNOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING  
PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on January 4, 2005 at 8:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Special Permit #04-5 dated

July 12, 2004; submitted on December 3, 2004 by Robert Troy, 2 Madison Road, Wilmington, MA. Said property is located at 31-A King Street and shown as Assessor's Map 67 Parcel 107. This application is for a special permit for a non-conforming lot under Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1998 for the construction of a single family dwelling. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
12.15.04, 12.22.04 4391

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: Ronald Bloom of, 182 Williams Ave., in Lynn, MA. Who is the last registered owner of a 1994 Geo Tracker Vin number 2C9BJ18UOR6935327 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about Dec. 31, 2004 at A&S Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington, MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

A & S Towing  
600 Main St.  
Wilmington, MA. 01887  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**  
at EZ Storage, 470 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 (978) 851-6999. Property will be sold at public auction held on Thursday, December 23, 2004 at 11:00 AM. The description of the goods and name of the person(s) whose property is to be sold is as follows:

Glancy, Jr., Charles: Misc furniture, luggage, shelves, toys, chairs and bxs  
Sims, Michael: Wooden night stands, micro cart, micro, skis, mirror, Xmas tree, TV trays, bxs  
Mansary, Alhassan: Clothes, art, bxs, misc bags  
Pappas, Cheryl: Toys, games, HH items, misc bags  
Dyer, KellyAnn: Dresser, bed, VCR, Xmas tree, misc bxs and bags  
Clarkson, Barbara: Luggage, lamp, ext cord, electric grill, clothes, misc bxs  
Dominguez, Angel: Chairs, toys, tbl, ice chest, bed, fishing equip, table saw, bxs  
Tuiyott, Wanjiu: Chair, luggage, ice skates, misc bxs  
Pierce, Eleanor: Rocker, dressers, beds, armoire, rug, mirror, guitar, sewing basket, misc bxs and tools  
12.8.04, 12.15.04 4378

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY  
COURT DEPARTMENT  
MIDDLESEX** Division  
Docket No. 04P5318EP1  
In the Estate of Charles H. O'Connell  
Late of Tewksbury  
In the County of MIDDLESEX  
Date of Death September 23, 2004

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Alan J. O'Connell of Peabody in the County of ESSEX be appointed

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTSPLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Sections 81-F and 81-G, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the application of Mr. David Carpenito, 25 Prouty Road, Burlington, MA 01803, seeking relief from the required roadway improvements for construction of a single family home for the property located at Map 16 Parcel 37 Pembroke Street, as shown on the plan entitled: "Sewerage Disposal System" Dated: May 5, 2004, and last revised November 19, 2004, Scale: 1" = 30', Engineer: Kenneth J. Miller, K.J. Miller Co., Inc. 106 West Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

12.8.04, 12.15.04 Michael  
Sorrentino, Chair  
4369 Wilmington Planning Board

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MIDDLESEX, SS SUPERIOR  
COURT

L.S. NO. 2003-4051  
TO Morris Mengis and Mary Mengis; and your descendants,  
Heirs or devisees and assigns, if any;

Whereas an amended complaint to establish title by adverse possession to remove clouds from title has been begun against you in our Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex, wherein the plaintiffs John C. Clark and Frances Lorraine Clark, Trustees of Clark Family Realty Trust, both of Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts allege that a cloud exists upon the title to a certain parcel of land known as Lots 38, 39, 41, and 42, Sheldon Avenue, Wilmington, Massachusetts, conveyed to said plaintiffs by Robert P. Stevens, by deed dated November 12, 1969 at Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 1907, Page 12. The plaintiffs and their predecessors in title have actually, openly, notoriously, continuously and exclusively exercised control over the premises in Wilmington for a period in excess of twenty years, and defendants who had interest in the premises prior thereto are barred from asserting rights in the premises by virtue of G.L. ch.

260, Sec. 21 and Sec. 22.

Upon the foregoing complaint it is ordered by the Court that the plaintiffs notify the said Morris Mengis and Mary Mengis, their heirs, executors, administrators, devisees and assigns if any; that on March 21, 2005, or within twenty (20) days from the said day, they do cause their written appearance to be entered and their written answer of other lawful pleadings to be served upon Steven L. Cicatelli, Esquire, Cicatelli & Cicatelli, 266 Main Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180 and also to file their written appearance and written answer in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Cambridge in said County and further that they defend against the said complaint according to law, if they intend to make any defense, otherwise the said complaint may be adjudged and orders and judgement may be entered therein in their absence by posting an attested copy hereof in a conspicuous place on the land described in the said complaint, and by publication of an attested copy hereof in the Wilmington Town Crier, a newspaper published in Wilmington, Massachusetts, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be two (2) months at least before the said March 21, 2005.

By the Court  
(Brassard, J.)

Attest: Patricia A. McCann  
Deputy Assistant Clerk  
12.8.04, 12.15.04, 12.23.04 4376

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul G. Meixler and Jolene G. Meixler to Sears Mortgage Corporation, dated April 15, 1993 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6424, Page 58, of which mortgage CitiMortgage, Inc., is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on January 7, 2005, on the mortgaged premises located at 83 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage

TO WIT:  
A certain parcel of land in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Southerly side of Middlesex Avenue, being described and bounded as follows:

Parcel 1  
NORTHWESTERLY: by Middlesex Avenue, 150 feet;  
NORTHEASTERLY: by land now or formerly of said William H. Mobbs, 150.00 feet;  
SOUTHEASTERLY: by land now or formerly of William H. Mobbs  
SOUTHWESTERLY: by a brook commonly called The Old Mill Brook.

Parcel 2  
Beginning at a point on the Northeasterly corner of the granted premises at the Northwesterly corner of a parcel of land containing 22,600 square feet of land shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass. belonging to Wm. H. Mobbs," John F. Rand, Civil Engineer, recorded with the Middlesex North District Deeds in Book of Plans 53, Plan 47, thence the line runs

SOUTHEASTERLY: by said lot containing 22,600 square feet of land on said plan, 243.70, as shown on said plan, thence the line turns and runs  
SOUTHWESTERLY: by land now or formerly of Stimpson. 127.52 feet more or less, to the center line of the Old Mill Brook, thence the line turns and runs.

NORTHWESTERLY: by the center line of said Old Mill Brook, 110 feet, more or less, to other land

now or formerly of Stanley B. Puffer; thence the line runs in a Northeasterly direction by other land now or formerly of Stanley B. Puffer about 28 feet; thence the line turns and runs.

NORTHWESTERLY: by other land now or formerly of Stanley B. Puffer, about 150 feet to said Middlesex Avenue, thence turning the line runs

NORTHEASTERLY: by said Middlesex Avenue, about 51.30 feet to the point of beginning.

There is appurtenant to this conveyance easement of way from Middlesex Avenue over the right of way 8 feet wide shown on the above-mentioned plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5287, Page 307.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

## TERMS OF SALE

A Deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

## CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

Lori A. Bolduc, Esquire

150 California Street

Newton, MA 02458

(617) 558-0500

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obtained from: Magdalen Lofstedt, Camp Dresser & McKee Inc., One Cambridge Place, 30 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. The 21 day public comment period commences with the date of this public notice and comments should be sent to the above DEP office within 21 days of the publication of this public notice. Any 10 persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit written comments before the end of this 21 day public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gregory C. Tsotsi and Nancy G. Tsotsi to Mansfield Mortgage Services, Inc., dated July 30, 2002 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 13403, Page 54, of which mortgage Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on January 10, 2005, on the mortgaged premises located at 15 Chester Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage

TO WIT:  
The land in said Tewksbury, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Easterly side of Chester Street containing 10.063 square feet, being shown as Lot 7 on a plan entitled, "Plan & Profiles, Sullivan Village, Section IV, Tewksbury, Mass., surveyed for John D. Sullivan" dated February 1954 by John W. Parsons, Surveyor and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 83, Plan 194 and bounded:

WESTERLY: by said Chester Street, one hundred (100) feet;  
NORTHERLY: by Lot 8 on said plan, one hundred and 63/100 (100.63) feet;

EASTERLY: by Lot B on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; and  
SOUTHERLY: by Lot 6 on said plan, one hundred and 62/100 (100.63) feet;

by said contents or any or all of said measurements, more or less, and however otherwise said premises may be measured, bounded or described.

For title reference see Deed dated September 21, 1984 and recorded Book 2882, Page 173  
For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 282, Page 173

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

## TERMS OF SALE

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

Lauren A. Hamlin, Esq.

150 California Street

Newton, MA 02458

(617) 558-0500

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the printing of the 2005-2006 Calendar for the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

Mark each envelope: "Bid on 2005-2006 Calendar to be opened at 11:30 a.m., January 12, 2005."

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject any bid or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

12.15.04, 12.04 Michael A. Cairra  
4387 Town Manager

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TRIAL COURT

(SEAL) Case No. 303955  
To:

John A. Clough  
Elizabeth H. Clough  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC 2004-OP2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-OP2

Claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 21 Beech Street,

Given by John A. Clough and Elizabeth H. Clough to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation,

dated April 26, 2004, recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17458, Page 218, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment;

has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 10th day of January 2005, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 29th day of November, 2004.

12.15.04 Ann-Marie J. Breuer  
4380 Deputy Recorder



# Fifth grade boys hoop team enjoys tourney championship

The Wildcats 5th grade "A" team started their season in November with a championship in the Jamestown Tournament in Billerica, winning four games. They then traveled to Tewksbury and participated in the Turkey Shoot holiday tournament, losing by a narrow margin in the semi-finals. On December 5th, they opened up the Merrimack Valley League season with a gutsy loss at home 34-28 against

Andover. On Friday December 10th, they traveled to Methuen for their first away game.

The team anticipated a tough match-up as Methuen was undefeated and had beaten their opponents by a wide margin. From the tip off until the end of the game, it was a see-saw battle with the lead changing on several occasions. Guards Vin Scifo (#1) and Tim McCarthy (#2) led the scoring with Scifo netting eleven points

and McCarthy scoring six points.

Forward Cole Pepper (#20) also netted six points and grabbed some great rebounds. The threesome led a great team effort as Wilmington led by three at the half and finished the nail-bitter winning by a score of 38-35 and improving their record to 1-1.

On Sunday December 12th, the team hosted the Salem Witches at the Wilmington

High School gym. The Wildcats started off on a good run with forward Jacob Russo (#15) getting a nice jumper from the foul line and centers Kyle Peach (#21) and Kyle Albanese (#25) dominating on the boards, especially on the offensive side.

Salem went into a full-court press and scratched back into the game, but the awesome ball handling of guards Tom See (#5) and Michael Brent (#3) helped break the press and

Wilmington held onto a 20-12 halftime lead.

In the second half, Salem continued the press, making the game a little closer. Thanks to the patience of guard Philip Lentini (#9) and a clutch basket by forward Zach Reed (#6), the Cats kept the Witches at bay. Also instrumental in the win was guard Jim Welch (#7) as he razzed and dazzled the ball between Salem players. Salem then pulled away at the end

closing the game with a 34-23 victory. Head Coach, Chuck Osgood and Assistant Coach, Carl Lentini, gave the boys some well deserved pats on the back as they left the court after the game.

The team will now practice hard and get ready for their next game on December 19 at home versus Tyngsboro. Game time is 1:00pm. They will then participate in a Christmas Tournament in Woburn.

# Pee Wee II's highlight busy week of youth hockey play

After compiling a stellar parity round of hockey, the Wilmington PeeWee II team, sponsored by PowerShot, has taken their skills to another level.

Being moved to a tougher division does not always spell success for many, but there are exceptions. In action last week, December 4, against Burlington, the boys again showed their tenacity, out skating their opponents and securing a well-earned 4-3 win. After falling behind by a goal early, some hard work paid off as Sean Keane was able to poke a Bret Kidik rebound into the cage to tie the score midway through the first period. Brian Fitzpatrick provided the break-out pass to start the play.

The second period was even as the teams swapped goals. Ryan Derian put Wilmington ahead after some fine passing by David Sugrue and Scott Deronde. Shortly after, Burlington knotted the score at two and then took the lead and it remained that way for the rest of the period, almost. With one second remaining, Jimmy Stokes fired a wrist shot top shelf to again put Wilmington on top going into the third.

With the team again playing without their full compliment of players, Jimmy Mullen remains out with a broken wrist and Mark Flanagan just returning from the same injury,

third periods can be a struggle. However, backstopped by Joey Aucoin and defensemen Brian Good, Peter Leighton and Brian Fitzpatrick and the persistent forechecking of Denis Gingras, Bret Kidik and Sean Keane, the score remained tied until 6:48 of the third. Ryan Derian stepped up and put Wilmington on top for good with helpers again from Scott Deronde and David Sugrue. If the team continues to show the character witnessed in the first months of the season, this should be a very exciting winter for the team and their fans. Get well soon Jimmy!

With 2004 coming to a close, the Wilmington PeeWee II team, sponsored by PowerShot, has been outstanding in almost every facet of their game for close to four months. Losses have been few and far between and most nights the boys come out on top. December 14 at Hockeytown was not one of those nights.

Moving up a division and taking on Masco I proved to be a daunting task. The teams played a scoreless tie for the first period with Wilmington dominating, keeping play in their opponents end for most of the period. The strong forechecking, their trademark, continued throughout the frame with Scott Deronde, Bret Kidik, Ryan Derian, Denis Gingras, Mark Flanagan, Sean Keane,

David Sugrue and Jimmy Stokes providing ample scoring opportunities, but unable to crack the opposing goal line. The body contact was outstanding as Denis Gingras and Scott Deronde provided some big hits.

The second period started much the same as Wilmington carried the play when Brian Fitzpatrick threaded a pass to Jimmy Stokes behind the defense to open the scoring for the Wildcats. Masco took the lead midway through the period on a pair of goals that had Wilmington starting to scramble. With time winding down, Bret Kidik, with a nice feed, sent Sean Keane in on a break-away only to have his scoring chance denied.

The defense of the Wildcats stood tall the rest of the period, Brian Good, Peter Leighton and Fitzpatrick laying out some crushing hits that had Masco looking over their shoulders on every foray into the attacking zone.

Ryan Maskell kept the Wildcats close, but at 5:19 of the third, Masco went ahead to stay with their third goal of the night. With a valiant effort through the remainder of the period it looked like the tide might turn but it was not to be on this night as an empty net goal with twenty seconds left locked up the victory for Masco.

There may be no such thing as a good loss, but, this team continues to impress with grit and determination that will hold them in good stead the rest of the season. They play loose but with confidence and I would venture to say that if this team were to meet Masco later in the season, the outcome may be quite different. Keep up the good work boys, your fans, who cheer you on in all the frigid rinks you play in, remain behind you.

## Mite A's match up against Danvers

The Wilmington Mite A's played a strong and defense minded Danvers club. At 7:00 am the coaches worried what team would show up. The first period started slow with Danvers going ahead 1-0. Wilmington responded with a fury. John Galasso to Richard Greenberg to Cody McGowan for a pretty tiring goal. The pace started to quicken with great goal tending by Jimmy Davey.

The Danvers team went ahead 3-1 midway through the first period. Wilmington then cut the lead in half with a great effort by Chris Sartori. The second period was up and down hockey with Wilmington getting many scoring chances. The

## Squirt D's take on Salem

The Wilmington Squirt D's had a close contest against Salem 3 in Dracut early Sunday morning. In a back and forth contest, Wilmington came out one goal short falling 6-5. Starting quickly, Salem jumped out to a 2-0 lead. As has been the case all year, the Wildcats refused to pack it in and fought hard to climb back into it. Drew Babine took a pass from Joe Bolognese and netted the Wilmington first goal. Andy Sylvia also assisted on the play, his first point in what was to be a one man offensive explosion for the Cats.

Shortly after Babine's goal,

Steve Spinazola passed over to Brian Healey on a 2 on 1 break-away and Healey shot the puck cleanly over the goalie's shoulder. Luke Foley began the play with a nice clearing pass from the Wilmington end. After this it was the Andy Sylvia show. Sylvia scored the first of his three goals to put Wilmington on top 3-2 to close out the action-packed first period. Defensively, the Cats were kept busy breaking up the Salem offense. Mike Curtis, Maryanna DiRupo, Jimmy Carlin and Foley, along with goalie Alex O'Reilly backboned the Cat defense.

The second period ended with both teams tied at four goals apiece as Sylvia again broke through the Salem defense and scored unassisted. Wilmington played the second period with only one offensive sub as both Kennedy Harper and Spinazola were feeling under the weather; however, both players gutted it out for the final period. Babine set up Sylvia for his hat trick early in the third as Wilmington took its last lead of the game. The well-rested Salem players took the lead with 5 minutes to go and the Cats couldn't score the equalizer. Sylvia ended up with four points for the game (3-1) an outstanding individual effort!

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## Shawsheen Boys Hoop Preview

# Tech ready for tough CAC challenge

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

Last year's Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team had a season that will be remembered or a long time by Rams fans. The Rams finished 18-5 overall, including winning a pair of games in the Division 3 North tournament before falling to Wilmington in the sectional semi-finals.

That Rams team was led by a strong core of veteran leadership, including several seniors who had been with the team for at least a couple of years. This year's Rams team will have much different look with several new players moving into key positions due to the losses the Rams suffered to graduation.

But the new players certainly do not mean that the defending Commonwealth Athletic Conference Lower Division champions will be heading towards the bottom of the league any time soon. Coach Ron Nowakowski, although not wanting to predict anything for his team, is confident that this new group of players will have what it takes to compete in the CAC.

"As a coach you understand that you can't always be on top, but the bottom line is that these are good, hard working kids and that's all you can ask for as a coach," said Nowakowski. "We've got some wonderful kids this year and I know they will work to be competitive and to make the tournament."

As of press time all of the

starters had yet to be determined by Nowakowski, as he was still fine tuning his team, but three starters that Rams fans can definitely count on seeing will be senior tri-captains Jeremy Sawicki, Dan Reed and Mark Hinckley.

Hinckley will start at center, while Reed, of Wilmington and Sawicki, of Tewksbury will be the guards. Sawicki, who was also the captain of the soccer team, will be at the point for the Rams.

"Jeremy is very quick and he penetrates well," Nowakowski said. "He is very unselfish and is a very good team leader. He is very focused."

Nowakowski had similar words of praise for Reed, who joined Sawicki on the soccer team.

"Dan came off the bench for us last year and did a great job," Nowakowski said. "He's a good perimeter shooter and is a very hard working boy."

Other players likely to be key contributors for the Rams include seniors Matt Clarkin of Wilmington, Jon Sholl and Matt Lucas of Tewksbury and Adam Durfee. Others coming off the bench will be Chris Bradley and Ryan Puntoni of Tewksbury along with junior Ed Kaufman and freshman Joe Gore of Wilmington.

While last year's team had a lot of size up front and looked to play a half court game in order to take advantage of their size, this year's squad will play a much different style.

"We're quicker than last year, but not as tall, so we will hope to play pressure defense and control the tempo of the game," Nowakowski said. "To do that we have to get rebounds and beat our opponents to the spot. Last year we look to keep the score in the 40's or 50's, but this year it will be more like the 50's and 60's."

The Rams will have the proverbial bull's eye on their chest with being the defending league champs, and the schedule will be difficult in both the Lower and Upper Divisions of the CAC.

"In the Lower Division North Shore will be very good. They have their top scorer, McKinley back, who averaged 30 points a game last year," Nowakowski said. "And in the Upper Division Lynn Tech returns all their starters (from last year's sectional champs) and Greater Lawrence is always tough."

Whatever happens this season, Nowakowski knows it will be his last at the helm of the Rams as well as his last as the athletic director at Shawsheen. Nowakowski will retire at the end of the school year after 26 years as athletic director.

"I know I am going to miss it, but you reach the point in life where you have to make a decision on what you will do for the rest of your life," Nowakowski said. "I am fortunate this season that in my last year I have a great group of hard working kids."



The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team is gearing up for an enjoyable season. Among the members of the team are a handful of locals, including: From left to right: Jessica Durant (Tewksbury), Ashley Robar (Wilmington), Maggie Joyce (Tewksbury), Michelle Haberman (Tewksbury), Eileen Warford (Wilmington) and Heather Morrell (Tewksbury).

(Jessica Styles photo)

## Shawsheen Girls Basketball Preview

## Lady Rams experience new coach, system

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

Last season saw the Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team go through many changes, and the team experienced many highs and many lows. Among the high points was seeing former coach Bill Ritchie win his 200th career game, and seeing a young team come together despite losing many seniors from the previous year, squad on their way to a 12-7 regular season.

Among the low points was seeing Ritchie's season cut short due to his needing surgery for the cancer he was diagnosed with in the pre-season. Another low point was seeing their season end in the first round of the Division 3 North tournament with an upset loss to Trinity Catholic.

This year's team, under Dick Barris who guided the Lady Rams after Ritchie's departure last season, will be looking to overcome some of the same obstacles as last year's squad. They lost senior captain Jenn Elwell to graduation, and they also lost two other key players for a variety of reasons, leaving Barris to replace four of five starters from last year's squad.

But don't be feeling too bad for the Lady Rams. Barris certainly isn't and he is confident in the players that he will be able to put on the floor. Barris returns for his first full season since 1989, when he was the head coach of the Lady Rams. He coached Shawsheen from 1975 through 1989 with Ritchie as his assistant.

The starters he will be counting on will be led by junior guard Erica Marsh, who will be in her 3rd year as a starter for the Lady Rams. Joining her on the floor will be sophomore point guard Tayla Brander, senior center Michelle Haberman of Tewksbury, and forwards Kristen Cantwell of Tewksbury and sophomore Amanda Vacca.

"Haberman is somewhat of an unknown quantity for us because she was hurt last year," Barris said. "But she is 6-1, and I think she will get the job done. And Cantwell is a real solid player for us. She's not flashy, but she just gets the job done."

Other than Marsh, none of these players started on a regular basis for the Lady Rams last season, but most did see some playing time. Despite the experience gained last year by several players Barris acknowledges that this season will be a completely different experience for them.

"The experience helps but they will be called upon to fulfill different roles this season," Barris said. "Last year everyone looked to Elwell to be the leader and make the big play. Our backbone is gone now, and now we have to find out who will be the new backbone."

And who will that be? With a roster full of young players the opportunity is there for someone to step up and be the leader for the next few years. Barris has a couple of ideas of who it could be.

"It could be Amanda Vacca as just a sophomore, but Erica Marsh has also been a good leader for this team," Barris

said. "Of course other teams will try to take Erica away from us so it will be up to someone else to take that role."

Marsh and Cantwell will serve as co-captains for the Lady Rams and Barris could not be happier with the choice made by their teammates.

"When we were going to the meeting I said to my assistant coach that I was going to let the kids decide, but my two choices would be Erica and Kristen," Barris said. "I told the players that the captain is your leader. Not necessarily the best player, but the one who does all the little things. As it turned out they picked the two that I would have picked myself."

Local members of the team coming off the bench will be Wilmington residents Ashley Robar and Ellen Warford and Tewksbury residents Jessica Durant and Heather Morell.

The Lady Rams depth will be a key for them this season as will be the players ability to fulfill multiple roles. Barris is hoping his squad will be able to play the press and run the fast break effectively, but he knows he will need maximum effort from everyone on the roster to be able to do that.

"We don't want just one player who can dribble the ball up the floor. Our forwards need to know how to do that as well," Barris said. "We will not be relying on just one player this year. Everyone has to be able to perform every aspect of the game."



The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team gets underway this week with a quest for another successful season. The Rams have a handful of locals on this year's team including: (back row from left to right): Jeremy Sawicki (Tewksbury), John Sholl (Tewksbury), Matt Clarkin (Wilmington), Ed Kaufman (Wilmington) and Dan Reed (Wilmington). Front row from left to right: Chris Bradley (Tewksbury), Joe Gore (Wilmington), Ryan Puntoni (Tewksbury) and Matt Lucas (Tewksbury)

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## Letter to the Sports Editor Little League says thank you to all

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The Shawsheen Tech ice hockey team begins its season this week behind several local players including: (From left to right) Dana Steenbruggen of Wilmington; DJ Bemis of Wilmington, Hank Chase of Tewksbury, Ron Gordon of Tewksbury, Kyle Browne of Wilmington, Jason Buckley of Wilmington and Derick Duart of Wilmington.

(Jessica Stygles photo)

### Shawsheen Boys Hockey Preview

## Rams hoping winning tradition continues

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech hockey team has built a great winning tradition over the years under coach Bill Gordon who is entering his 26th year at the helm of the Rams. The Rams have won 13 Commonwealth Athletic Conference titles and won 343 games during Gordon's tenure.

Last year was another successful season for the Rams, although they fell short of another CAC title by just one point to Tyngsboro. They finished with an 11-6-2 overall record and earned a trip to the state tournament for the 29th time in school history. Once in the tournament they beat Medway in the first round before falling to eventual sectional finalist Lowell in the quarterfinals, 2-1, in overtime. Gordon and his squad always set the state tournament as a goal at the start of the season, so last season was exceptionally satisfying for him. He is hoping that this year will be another step forward for the program.

"It was great to win a game in the tournament and it gives the kids a lot of confidence that they were able to get to that point, but it also gives them even more of a goal this season," Gordon said. "They know there is still more to accomplish."

At the same time Gordon has been around long enough to know that last season's success is not going to help the Rams this year.

"Every year is a different team so what we accomplish one year does not give you the right to expect the same accomplishment the next year," Gordon said. "It's great for confidence, but it does not guarantee you anything."

While Gordon is tempering expectations, there should be plenty of reason for optimism around the Rams, as many of the key players from last year's squad return.

One piece of bad news for Shawsheen, however, is the loss of last year's leading scorer and CAC MVP Bob Giordano. Giordano is a senior at Shawsheen this season, but has

decided not to play for the Rams and instead has taken his talents to the junior hockey level. Even this setback, however, may work to the Rams benefit as the season goes on.

"He made the decision last year so we had enough lead time to know we would have to prepare for the season without him," Gordon said. "In some ways it will help us because a lot of times his linemates would be standing around watching him. I believe the forwards we have now will give us more balanced scoring."

The forwards Gordon will be counting on most will be on the first line where senior center John Higgins will be flanked by senior right wing Kyle Browne of Wilmington and senior left wing Ron Gordon of Tewksbury.

"Higgins is a very intelligent player. He's like having a coach on the ice. His accomplishments have exceeded his skills and that is just about the best compliment I can pay to a player," Gordon said. "Browne is a big kid who has grown up quite a bit physically. We expect him to be very competitive. And Gordon is a legitimate left wing who has improved his shot quite a bit. Those three are our go to guys."

The second line forwards will be sophomore center Dan Hanifan, junior left wing Jason Buckley of Wilmington and junior right wing Kyle Marzeotti.

"Hanifan is probably our most skilled player. He's the complete package with good hands and a good shot," Gordon said. "Buckley is playing the off wing which is a very difficult thing to do. He is a physical presence for us. He's not shy about making the big hit."

The third line will consist of sophomore center Shaun Suprey, sophomore right wing Troy Daniels and junior left wing Dan Roy.

"In the pre-season in the jam-boree we have scored seven goals and our third line has scored five of them," Gordon said. "They complement each other very well and they are also more skilled than most of the third lines they are playing against. But not all of their

goals have come against just the third line either."

There will be four top defensemen for the Rams rotating through the lines. The two senior blue liners will be Hank Chase of Tewksbury, along with Bryan Dulong. Both are in their fourth year with the Rams.

"Hank brings a real heads up attitude for us. He has a knack for making good decisions. You can't teach that."

In goal for the Rams will be sophomore Steve Leighton of Tewksbury. Leighton engaged in a spirited battle for playing time for most of last season, but finally won the battle late in the season and cemented his status with his stellar play in the post season.

"We've got some good freshman goalies coming up, but Steve is our number one," Gordon said. "He played the last seven or eight games for us last season and showed great promise."

As always the Rams will hope to compete for the CAC championship and qualify for the state title. The CAC will provide its typical stiff challenge to the Rams with Tyngsboro once again being the team to beat, but when the Rams step out of league play is when things will get really tough.

"The league is tough, but we also have Lowell, Concord-Carlisle and Dom Savio who won the North sectional final over Lowell last year," Gordon said. "We are also playing in the Coca-Cola tournament in Manchester over Christmas will we will play three Division 1 teams from New Hampshire."

Of course there is the risk that with this schedule the Rams could fall short of the 10 wins necessary to qualify for the state tournament, but Gordon is willing to take that risk.

"You need to play above your league if you are a Division 3 school like we are because you want to measure yourself against tougher competition," Gordon said. "It is a huge risk for the reward, but I suspect our kids will be ready for it."

There are four 4-day sessions to choose from, all on Sunday mornings: Session I: January 2, 9, 16, 23 from 8:00 AM to 9:15; Session II: January 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10:15 to 11:30 AM; Session III: January 30, Feb 6, 13, 20 from 8:00 to 9:15 AM; and Session IV: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13,

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## Five locals recognized by the Boston papers

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Several local athletes as well as one coach were honored by the two major Boston daily papers this week.

Wilmington residents Kevin Velardo, Joe Herra and Chris Pedit were named to both the Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic teams in their respective sports. Pedit was named one of the two Globe's Runner of the Year. Tewksbury resident Dave Camoscio was named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic team. Wilmington High football coach Bob Almeida was named as one of the Boston Globe Coach's of the Year.

Velardo is a two-time All-Scholastic selection for both papers. As a senior he capped off his sensational career by being named the Cape Ann League Golfer of the Year as he helped the 'Cats finish with a 12-0 record and another league title. On the greens he averaged 36.0, including a magnificent 31 during one regular season match against Lynnfield.

At the Division 3 state meet, he was ninth as he shot an 80. During his high school career,

Velardo had an incredible match play record of 31-1-1, while the 'Cats were 54-4-1 as a team during that span.

Herra also was the best in the Cape Ann League as he was voted the top football player in the conference as a junior. Herra was named to both the Globe and Herald All-Scholastic teams after leading the 'Cats to an 11-1 overall finish, including the program's first ever CAL solo title, its first playoff appearance since 1972, its first ever 11-win season, and first undefeated campaign since 1972. As a quarterback, Herra finished with 1,090 passing yards and 19 TD passes. He also rushed for 602 yards and 8 touchdowns.

Defensively, Herra had a monster season making 98 tackles, an average of over 8 per game with 4 sacks and 5 interceptions.

Almeida was recognized as the Globe's Division 2A Coach of the Year. He guided the 'Cats to their 11-1 finish, the Cape Ann League title, the playoff game against Hingham and its first undefeated regular season since 1972. He was voted the CAL Coach of the Year as well

and has posted almost 80 wins in his 9 years as head coach.

Pedit was named the Division 2 Runner of the Year by the Globe after an outstanding season for the Austin Prep Cougars. He was the Class D Champion with an elite time of 16:49 which came in the snow and freezing temperatures while at Franklin Park in Dorchester.

He followed that up with a second overall finish in the Division 2 All-State Meet held in Gardner, Mass with a time of 14:30 for the 3 mile course. He was also the second place finisher in the Bay State Invitational, and was named the Catholic Central League's champion. Camoscio had a tremendous season for the TMHS cross country team which included a second overall place in the Class C state meet, which also featured the five inches of snow and freezing temperatures while at Dorchester's Franklin Park. He then advanced to the all-state meet and performed respectively finishing within the top 40 runners.

Congratulations goes out to the five individuals.

## Tewksbury Squirt II's hanging tough

Tewksbury Squirt 2, sponsored by John A. Pierce Insurance Agency had a tough loss against Everett when they lost 7 to 2. Goal one was scored when Matt Mann and Alex Rodriguez skated passing the puck over to Nicco Riparo who brings it up and scores. Goal two is scored by Robbie Goodell when he let the puck fly from the defensive line and pops it into the net. A tough game and an unfortunate loss.

The kids in red played and awesome 6:00 a.m. game which they nailed Nashoba in a 7 to 3 win. Billy Nofle is the starting goalie. First period starts with Dan Frost, Brendan Blair, Drew Muise, Robbie Goodell and Alex Hogan hustling and chasing the puck. Shannon Alukonis, Matt Mann, Joey Matrangola, Nicco Riparo and Alex Rodriguez take to the ice and keep the action in Nashoba's zone. Ryan Capraro, Tyler Slavin, Zach Lamoureux, Matt Kando and Robbie Goodell are working the ice as they challenge Nashoba.

Dan Frost, Brendan Blair, Drew Muise, Alex Hogan and Matt Mann keeping their opponents skating hard for the puck. Everyone is in the right place at the right time. Nice save by Billy Nofle. Joey Matrangola, Nicco Riparo, Alex Rodriguez, Robbie Goodell and Shannon Alukonis take the action back and forth down the ice.

Jumping onto the ice, here comes Tyler Slavin, Zach Lamoureux, Ryan Capraro, Matt Kando and Matt Mann keeping the heat on Nashoba. Alex Hogan flies onto the ice and intercepts a breakaway by Nashoba. Dan Frost, Brenda Blair, Drew Muise and Robbie Goodell join Alex Hogan on the ice and take the puck away. Returning to the ice steady fast and strong is Joey Matrangola, Nicco Riparo, Alex Rodriguez, Shannon Alukonis and Matt Kando.

Ryan Capraro, Tyler Slavin, Brendan Blair, Matt Mann and Robbie Goodell get ready when

Ryan Capraro and Tyler Slavin send the puck back to defenseman Robbie Goodell from the face off and Goodell lets the puck rip right through the goalies legs to score goal one assisted by Capraro and Slavin. Billy Nofle seeing plenty of action and rising to the challenge. End of period one and the score is Tewksbury 1 Nashoba 0.

Period Two brings more action to the ice. Drew Muise, Brendan Blair, Dan Frost, Matt Kando and Shannon Alukonis shadowing Nashoba, but despite their attempts of getting the puck Nashoba scores their first goal. Pucks are flipping and flying everywhere as Alex Rodriguez, Nicco Riparo, Joey Matrangola, Matt Mann and Robbie Goodell step onto the ice.

Zach Lamoureux, Tyler Slavin, Ryan Capraro, Shannon Alukonis and Alex Hogan staying on the heels of Nashoba every step of the way. As line changes occur, Capraro shoots the puck to Goodell who shoots, bounces off Nashoba player where Muise grabs the rebound and rips it in. Drew Muise scores goal two assisted by Robbie Goodell and Ryan Capraro.

Joey Matrangola, Nicco Riparo, Alex Rodriguez, Matt Mann and Alex Hogan blast onto the ice. Matt Mann passing to Joey Matrangola who shoots it over to Nicco Riparo. Riparo zigs and zags up the ice and pops it in the net. Nicco Riparo scores goal three assisted by Matt Mann and Joey Matrangola. Nofle makes a nice save.

Goalies are changed and Shannon O'Neill joins her team on the ice. Nice job Billy. Zach Lamoureux, Tyler Slavin, Ryan Capraro, Matt Kando and Alex Hogan keep their opponents running with some great hustling. Drew Muise, Brendan Blair, Dan Frost, Robbie Goodell and Matt Mann keep working the ice.

Defensemen Goodell and

Mann get the puck up to Blair who shoots from the point and gets the puck in. Brendan Blair scores goal four assisted by Matt Mann and Robbie Goodell. Let's do it again, this time Blair and Frost take the puck and send it to Muise who rips it in. Drew Muise scores goal five assisted by Brendan Blair and Dan Frost. Shannon Alukonis, Alex Hogan, Alex Rodriguez, Nicco Riparo and Joey Matrangola using the entire sheet of ice. Nice save by Shannon O'Neill.

Out of the gate and here comes Ryan Capraro, Tyler Slavin, Zach Lamoureux, Robbie Goodell and Matt Kando who keep wearing down Nashoba. Drew Muise, Brendan Blair, Dan Frost, Matt Mann and Shannon Alukonis some onto the ice.

Defenseman Alukonis gets the puck near Tewksbury's net and he weaves in and out of the Nashoba players in a breakaway and BAM, sends the puck soaring into the net. Shannon Alukonis scores goal six assisted. End of period two score is Tewksbury 6 Nashoba 1.

Period three sees just as much fast paced action as the first two periods. Lines keep changing and everyone keeps playing fast and aggressively.

The Redmen are working hard and not giving Nashoba a resting minute. Shannon O'Neill seeing her share of pucks and doing a great job make some great saves. Nashoba does manage to get two more goals even though Tewksbury stays on their heels.

Goal seven is score by Drew Muise (this is a Hat Trick for him) when he receives a pass from Ryan Capraro (this is Ryan's third assist and a playmaker for him). Tewksbury keeps making shots on their opponents net. Buzzer goes off and the game ends. Tewksbury wins 7 to 3. Excellent game team.

## Reading Baseball School offers several programs during school vacation

The instructors of The Reading Baseball School would like to announce the details of this winter's program. The Reading Baseball School, sponsored by the Reading Recreation Department, is this area's most popular baseball instructional program for boys and girls of ages 6 to 13. This winter, we offer 4 exciting programs: a Pitching School, Sunday Sunrise Hitting Session, our February Vacation School, and our annual weekend Mini-School.

Pitching School- This is a 4 hour program where players will be taught the proper mechanics of pitching, including correct grip, foot position, stride, arm action, leg drive, release, and follow-through. Proper warm-up exercises and pitching drills are

designed to help young pitchers throw with greater velocity and control, without injury to the arm.

The pitching School is offered on four consecutive Sunday mornings from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School. Players may choose either Session I: January 2, 9, 16, 23 or Session II: January 30, February 6, 13, and 20.

Sunday Sunrise Hitting Sessions- This is 5 hours of intensive hitting instruction for players of ages 6-13. Players will be divided into small groups, by age, and receive comprehensive and individualized instruction in the mechanics of hitting. The program is designed to increase each player's ability to hit the ball

harder, more consistently, and with greater confidence. Players will be taught proper bat selection, grip, stance, stride, swing, and follow-through. Players will perform numerous drills that teach proper bat speed, balance, stride, use of top hand, use of bottom hand, follow through and how to: hit the high pitch, low pitch, pull the ball, and hit to the opposite field. These are the same proven drills that Reading High School players learn and use so successfully.

There are four 4-day sessions to choose from, all on Sunday mornings: Session I: January 2, 9, 16, 23 from 8:00 AM to 9:15; Session II: January 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10:15 to 11:30 AM; Session III: January 30, Feb 6, 13, 20 from 8:00 to 9:15 AM; and Session IV: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13,

20 from 10:15 to 11:30 AM. All sessions are at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

February Vacation School- This school will provide 10 hours of intensive instruction in the proper baseball fundamentals and mechanics. Players will improve specific baseball skills through drills, videotape, sessions, and demonstrations. The majority of the instruction time will focus on hitting, where players will get as many as 1,000 swings. The hitting instruction is based on the demonstration and practice of proven hitting drills effective for beginning through advanced players.

The February Vacation School will be offered from Monday, Feb 21 through Thursday, Feb 24. Players can choose from Session

I: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM or Session II: 2:00 to 4:30 PM at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

Reading Baseball Mini-School- This is our 22nd annual weekend Mini-School, which includes four hours of instruction in hitting, throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, and baserunning. The mini-school is offered on Saturday March 12 and Sunday March 13. Choose either Session A: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 AM and Sunday 9:00 - 11:00 AM or Session B: Saturday 11:30 - 1:30 and Sunday 11:30 - 1:30, at the Hawkes Field House in Reading.

At all of our programs, we believe that youngsters need frequent practice and repetition of baseball skills. Our daily schedule of drills and activities is

designed to make each player an active and constant participant throughout each session.

The Reading Baseball School provides first-rate facilities and equipment. The Hawkes Field House Facilities include batting cages, pitching machines, indoor pitching mound, bat speed machine, Solo Hitter, InstructoSwing, and videotape equipment. Our goal is to help each youngster improve, gain confidence, and have fun.

For further information, to register, or to receive an application, please call Pete Moscarillo at 781-942-1362. Also please visit our website at [www.readingbaseballschool.com](http://www.readingbaseballschool.com).





The three-time Cape Ann League champion Wilmington High boys basketball team will try to make it four in a row behind co-captains Eric Ollila (left) and Clayton Huynh (right).  
(Jessica Styles photo)

## 'Cats looking to make it four in a row

FROM PAGE SP-1W

overwhelming team speed but we're counting on the tradition of not only us but the other sports programs to motivate us."

The rest of the team has a lot of potential. Senior Ryan Quigley (6-foot-3) will see time at both the center and power forward spot. Junior Tom Miele is up from the JV team is battling with Giordano for the starting point guard position.

"We've had some really good point guards over the years," said McCune. "Mark will be a solid addition to the team. He's not going to be any kind of savior or anything but he's a real nice addition and he's going to fit in really well. Just right now we're adjusting to each other. I'm new to him, and he's new to me."

"Tom is also a nice little player. He's very competitive but right now we just think Mark has played a little better in the scrimmages and we're giving him the edge (as the starter). But I feel good having both players."

Besides Quigley and Miele, the 'Cats have three sophomores who seem to be the eighth through ten spots. John Olivere stands in at six feet and he'll be a versatile player between both guard positions and at small forward. Nick Duggan is a 6-foot-1 forward who can really shoot. Greg Stewart, who was the place kicker and cornerback for the football team, will be another outside shooter.

"John has excellent skills and can shoot. He gets to the basket really well and will be a solid player," said McCune. "Nick reminds me of Vinny Johnson of the Detroit Pistons - they both can really shoot the ball. Nick has real good range and he can hit the three. You can tell that he's dedicated a lot of time off season to the sport. He's used to playing with his back to the basket, but we feel with his shooting that we can play him facing the basket. But he needs to improve on his defense and rebounding."

"And Greg is a tremendous athlete who can help us in many ways. We're looking for him to help us defensively and with overall toughness. As time goes on he'll handle the ball better but he's another perimeter shooter and transition player for us."

The last three spots on the team have gone to senior co-captain Clayton Huynh and juniors Andy Otovic and Peter Rastellini.

"Clayton defends well," said McCune. "He's a kid who is the class president and someone who the kids really respect. He works extremely hard and we're hoping that he provides a lot of leadership for us, especially with his work ethic."

"Andy and Peter are hustlers who have real good basketball knowledge. They are behind the rest of the team and will be making an impact on next year's team. But there's a lot of times when I go home at night wondering if we can get everyone on the team to have the desire, the heart and the work ethic that Andy and Peter bring to the team every day."

As for the CAL, McCune believes it's wide open. He really likes Pentucket and said the Sachems return its entire team from last year. Masconomet, North Andover and Hamilton-Wenham are always competitive in the large school, while, North Reading could give team fits. Wilmington also has the annual K of C/Larry McGrath Christmas Tournament with a first round match-up against Burlington, a much improved team from last year, and then either a match-up with Tewksbury or Revere on the following night. In addition, the 'Cats have non-league games with Tewksbury and Winthrop.

"I think we have a good opportunity to win the league for the fourth straight year," said McCune. "The start of our schedule doesn't go in our favor as we have North Reading, Masco, Pentucket and Hamilton-Wenham four real tough teams in the first nine days. We're hoping to come out of December with a .500 record, and then by that time we'll be in better condition and we're hoping our defense will be better."

2004-05 Schedule		
Dec 14	at N Reading	7:00
Dec 17	vs Masconomet	7:00
Dec 21	at Pentucket	6:30
Dec 23	vs H-Wenham	7:00
Dec 27	vs Burlington	7:45
Dec 28	vs Tewks/Rev.	TBA
Jan 4	at Manchester	6:30
Jan 7	vs Lynnfield	7:00
Jan 11	at Rockport	6:30
Jan 14	vs Ipswich	7:00
Jan 21	vs Triton	7:00
Jan 25	at N. Andover	7:00
Jan 28	vs Newburyport	7:00
Jan 31	at H-Wenham	6:30
Feb 4	at Amesbury	6:30
Feb 8	vs N. Andover	7:00
Feb 11	at Masconomet	7:00
Feb 15	at Tewksbury	7:30
Feb 17	vs Georgetown	7:00
Feb 23	at Winthrop	7:00

## Boys Hoop team wins opener on the road

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"To be where we are at this point of the early season, and to go to their place against a physical team like they are and to come away with a win is pretty big I think for us," said head coach Jim McCune. "We were a little shaky handling the ball, but I think as time goes on we're going to be much better at that."

"This was a good start for us. The kids showed a lot of toughness, a lot of hustle and a lot of heart and that was great to see."

Trailing by a point at 29-28 at halftime, the teams stayed even at the early minutes of the second half tied at 35.

Junior Tom Miele came up

and sank a three-pointer which started the 'Cats engine. That sparked a 9-0 run which ended with a trey by junior Joe Herra and the 'Cats led 44-35, and finished the last few minutes closing the deal.

Herra led the way offensively with 22 points, including four three-pointers while he also went 4-for-4 from the line. Senior captain Eric Ollila finished with 20 points and he was 6-for-6 from freebie land.

"On the night we were outstanding from the free throw line," said McCune. "We were 14-for-18, with Ollila, Herra and Ryan Quigley were a combined 8-for-8. We did two major things tonight, hit our free throws, and

play tough defense.

"We like to keep teams under 50 points a game and 25 points a half, and they scored 23 points in the second half."

Dooley finished with a game high 24 points. McCune gave a lot of credit to his players for the tough chore of taking on the Big Guy, with little practice time to do so by both Quigley and Sean Murphy, who missed the first week of practice along with Herra and several others because of the football team's playoff game against Hingham.

"I thought they did a nice job defending Dooley," said McCune. "I know that's tough to back up when he scored 24 points against us, but in the

final three minutes of the game, Quigley made several key deflections guarding him which led to turnovers and points for us."

"Both Quigley and Murphy did a nice job of banging him which led to some steals for us."

Murphy finished with 6 points, while Miele had the three-pointer and Nick Duggan had his first two varsity points. Mark Giordano didn't score but had six assists.

Wilmington will host Masconomet on Friday night for the home opener beginning at 7:00 pm.

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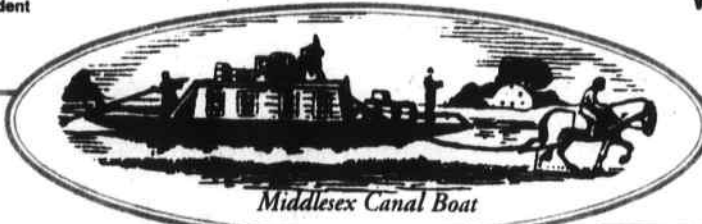
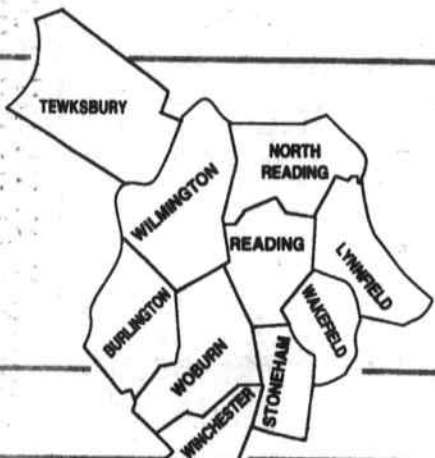
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## Houses of Freedom for those suffering brain traumas

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Seeking independence and a good quality of life is a mission that many people share. However, for those with certain physical disabilities it becomes even more important as they attempt to return to as normal a life as possible.

The efforts of Supportive Living, Inc. (SLI) focus on the development of appropriate, affordable and accessible housing for persons with brain injuries, who would benefit from supportive services in their quest to live more independent and productive lives in dignity in their own housing. At present they have two resident facilities - Warren House in Woburn and McLaughlin House in North Reading.

"I wanted to be more independent," Margaret "Peg" Ryan, formerly of Wilmington, said when explaining why she moved to Warren House. "Warren House provides me with people to talk to when I need it. I do my own cooking; if I need assistance they are always here."

McLaughlin House resident Marjorie A. McDermott, formerly of Lowell, is recovering from a stroke that has left her in a wheel-



~ WARREN HOUSE ~  
located on Warren Ave in Woburn above

~ McLaughlin House ~  
located on Park Street in North Reading at left

chair and with the use of only one arm. She was a resident at Tewksbury State Hospital.

"The difference is like night and day between the two places," McDermott said. "The people who visit me feel a lot more comfortable here."

Talking to McDermott, one quickly realizes that the stroke may have taken away some physical capabilities for the former pianist and mezzo-soprano, who has performed with the Boston Lyric Opera and other well-known groups. However, it did not take away any brain functions.

This fact makes her next statement, about her stay at Tewksbury State Hospital, all the more shocking.

"The last ward I was in was a dementia ward," McDermott said. "That was very difficult."

Ryan's case is poignant rather than shocking. She had been living with her parents since the accident which resulted in her brain trauma when she was 15 years-old. About four years ago it became evident to Ryan that she needed to be in a more independent situation if she were to continue to grow as a person.

Since moving to Warren House, she has been able to lead a more active life, which includes visiting a nearby nursing home and talking, playing games and generally cheering up the patients in that facility.

"I play games with them and keep them active," Ryan said. "I put a little humor in their lives."

Ryan also sits on the Board of Directors for SLI. Both McDermott and Ryan enjoy the many amenities that Supportive Living provides for them. This includes the chance to go to movies, concerts, go shopping at nearby malls and downtown areas and take part in many other activities.

McDermott still has her love of music and there is a piano at McLaughlin House for her to use. However, her stroke has only left her the full use of her right hand and she is now in search of piano literature that can be played with just the right hand.

She notes that ironically Ravelle, Briton and others wrote many pieces for the left hand, because of a pianist who lost the use of his

Houses of Freedom to S-4



PEG RYAN  
WARREN HOUSE RESIDENT



MARJORIE McDERMOTT  
McLAUGHLIN HOUSE RESIDENT



My wife Kathy wears clothing from SAKS FIFTH AVENUE, while I find myself adorned in SACKS from the many POTATO FIELDS of Maine...

The 2004 MODEL YEAR CARS are now on sale and these two SEAGULLS who were flying over REVERE BEACH looked down when one asked the other, "Hey Ecliff,

have you spotted any NEW CARS lately?"...

I just love YOGI BERRA's many sayings, including, "If people don't want to come out to the BASEBALL PARK, well hey - NOBODY can STOP them..."

Sid Levine said that all the

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ANTHONY MANCONI

From S-1

### BELL HOPS in LAS VEGAS are TIP HAPPY.

He told me the story of how he once told a bell hop to bring him a DECK OF CARDS and the bell hop actually made a total of FIFTY-TWO TRIPS up to Sid's room...

During a recent VISIT to the DOCTOR'S OFFICE, the physician shouted at Blackie Vega, "STOP SMOKING, Blackie!"

"WHY?" Blackie asked, "Is smoking BAD for me?" And to that, the doctor replied, "Who the heck cares?! You just BURNED A HOLE in the EXAM TABLE!"

Sonny Pearlman hoped to become a WORLD CHAMPION PRIZEFIGHTER, but he eventually had to GIVE UP boxing on account of his HANDS. It seems that the REFEREE kept STEPPING on them...

I've found that great GARDENERS usually have GREEN THUMBS along with BROWN KNEES...

My Cousin Mario was in court last week and he told the judge, "YOUR HONOR, how is it that I can be accused of FORGERY? I CAN'T even manage to WRITE down my OWN NAME!"

The judge replied, "That's actually the problem - you are NOT CHARGED with writing your OWN NAME!"

Tony Stack's grandfather was on the POLICE FORCE in Ireland and everyone knew that he wouldn't take a quarter. If he couldn't FOLD IT, he wouldn't TAKE IT...

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The time of RAPID CHANGE is when a CHILD reaches the TEENAGE years - that's when the PARENTS AGE as much as TWENTY YEARS!...

I asked Bill Masiello, an optician, if WEARING GLASSES would make me look more INTELLIGENT. Bill smiled and said, "With you Chipper, it would be an OPTICAL ILLUSION..." Jimmy Quinno said, "anyone who goes to a psychiatrist ought to have his head examined."...A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can marry such a man.

George Gould told his analyst, "I have this PROBLEM. I met this PERFECT WOMAN and we get along just fine - we like the same restaurants, plays, books."

The analyst replied, "I don't think I see what the problem is." And George exclaimed, "Oh yeah! That's because you never met her HUSBAND!"

The three life stages of men and women are CHILDHOOD, ADULTHOOD and YOU'RE LOOKING WONDERFUL!...

I was often the GUEST SPEAKER at many Kiwanis, Elks and VFW events and luncheons, but not any more - not after what happened at the Beaumont VFW meeting.

I thought that I had delivered a HUMOROUS TALK but the others DIDN'T AGREE.

"Didn't you hear the applause?" I asked Tony Stack.

"Why yes," Tony replied, "But they were CLAPPING because you were finally LEAVING the stage!"

Larry Flynn LOCKED his CAR KEYS inside his vehicle last night, and several of his friends emerged from Mickey's Parlor to offer their HELP.

Blackie had a SLIM JIM, Johnny had a COAT HANGER and Sal had a double decker HAM SANDWICH. Each tried to unlock the car, but none had any success.

Finally, a frustrated and stranded Larry Flynn shouted, "You idiots had better hurry up - it's starting to RAIN and my seats will be ruined if we leave the CONVERTIBLE TOP DOWN!"

My wife and I went to a SCHOOL PLAY that had a very HAPPY ENDING - everyone was OVERJOYED once it was ALL OVER!...

Joe Ravidia borrowed \$40,000 to study law. He graduated from LAW SCHOOL, passed the BAR EXAM and started working at a local FIRM. His very FIRST CASE involved his uncle John who SUED him for \$40,000...

I can't figure out why anyone would drive to his broker's office in a LINCOLN, MERCEDES-BENZ or a CADILLAC to obtain financial advice from someone who came to work on the BUS carrying a brown bag lunch? ...I learned early in life why English is called the Mother Tongue - my father never got a chance to use it...

### Entertainment at Comedy Escape

Dick Doherty's Comedy Escape at the China Blossom in North Andover has many special entertainers appearing in the coming weeks. Dec. 27 and 18 Frank DelPizzo, Dec. 24 and 25 no show; San. 1 Tim McIntire, EJ Murphy, Myq Kaplan



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### Auditions for Evening with Shakespeare

The Theatre Company of Saugus announces auditions for its winter production, Evenings With Shakespeare. The production will consist of shortened versions of 2 of the most popular comedies by the greatest of

English playwrights. Scenes from The Taming of the Shrew will be directed by Leo Nickone, emeritus professor of theatre at Emerson College. Scened from a Midsummer Night's Dream will be directed by Nancy Lemoine, drama teacher at Saugus High School.

The performances are Friday and Saturday February 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday February 13 at 2 p.m. The location is St. John's

Episcopal Church on Central at Prospect Street, near the center of Saugus. For more information call 781-233-2979 www.tcsaugus.home.comcast.net.

At the Chelmsford Radisson Dec. 17 and 18 Tom Clark, Dec. 18 at 10:30 p.m. Joey Devito, no show Dec. 24 & 25. New Year's Eve Dick Doherty, John Joyce, Steve Sweeney. Jan. 1 Joey Devito

Beantown Comedy Vault at Remington's in Boston Dec. 23 Greg Howell, Dec. 24 and 25 no show, Dec. 26 Joe List hosts Open Mike Night. For further information call 800-401-2221 or visit www.dickdoherty.com.

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# About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

## MEET PETER, DIANE AND BARRY AND ELIOT

By PHYLLIS NISSEN

### Tewksbury: Master of the house

"Peter Reynolds departs with each of his carvings with a warm hug and affectionate goodbye, handing them over to his fortunate customers and assigning to them a firm, but doting, suggesting that they treat the wooden pets as though they were real," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"Reynolds, 47, of Tewksbury, was born profoundly deaf, but, according to his mother, Pat, the communication barrier that affected her son didn't influence his love for animals, which eventually blossomed into a successful career of wood-carving cats and other animals. Maybe you've seen him selling his creations on Lowe Street.

"Growing up, Peter was unable to hear or speak, but communicated through hand gestures. With his high IQ, he found it frustrating when he was unable to express his thoughts and feelings to other people. Though he attended many schools for the deaf throughout the country, Peter instead developed his own sign language. Many of Peter's signs, actually, are not at all that far from universally recognized sign language.

"The second of five children, Peter yearned for a pet cat for years, but endured his parents' protests due to an allergic sister. Finally, his parents gave in and bought Peter a cat, only to find out a few days later that their long-awaited present produced not only newfound love and excitement from their son, but also a hidden skill for carving animals out of wood.

"The same day his cat arrived, Peter showed his astonished parents a carving of his new pet. A visiting neighbor asked him to make one for her.

"The ball started rolling by word-of-mouth, and he had several people asking for a cat," his mother says. "Of course, Peter was only too happy to sell them a cat. He bought himself a table and started on our lawn, carving cats and displaying them for sale. People would stop just to watch him carve."

"Peter's hobby began in the basement of his parents' home, but after requests for more carvings began flooding in, his expanding business was moved to a workshop in the backyard.

"As his business increased, so did his variety of carvings.... Peter is a member of 'The Community of Tewksbury Artists' and the New England Woodcutters of America. According to his mother, he met Mico Kaufman, a famous sculptor and past president of the Tewksbury Rotary Club at a Community of Artists craft fair.

"Mico commended Peter for his work, and he was honored when he purchased a cat," says Pat Reynolds.

"When carving isn't taking up his time, Peter can be

seen on his bicycle, making his way around town or traveling to Boston to visit the Museum of Science. Friendly and outgoing, Peter makes friends wherever he goes.

"I'm always amazed at how many people Peter knows," his mother notes. "No matter where we go or how far from home, people who know him give a big hug or handshake."

### North Reading: 'Work for something'

"Thirty two years of impassioned advocacy on behalf of the town's library did not go unrewarded as about 50 people honored Diane Norris, who recently stepped down from the Board of Library Trustees," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"The reception was held, fittingly, in the Library's Reading Room, which came alive with music from the Eight Thumbs, a local quartet.

"Norris, who served on the Library Trustees from 1971 to 2003 (many of those years as chairman) was praised for her selfless dedication.

"When you have a great athlete they help make everyone around them a better athlete. Diane helped make us all better trustees and this is a better library," said David Cores, who replaced Norris as Trustee Chairman.

"Elia Marnik, a member of the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners presented Norris with a certificate of commendation recognizing her outstanding contributions and advocacy for libraries.

"House Minority Leader Rep. Brad Jones, Jr. brought a commendation from the House of Representatives. Jones recalled how, during his six years on the Board of Selectmen, Norris advocated tirelessly on behalf of the library.

"Current Selectmen Chair Marci Bailey and newly elected Selectman Bob Mauceri were present. Bailey presented a certificate of appreciation from the board and spoke of their high regard for Norris and thanked her for her 32 years of service.

"Christine Woodroffe, president of the Friends of the Library presented Norris with flowers and thanked her for her many contributions to the town and library. Woodroffe said a contribution made in Norris' honor will be used toward next year's North Reading Reads Program....

"Even in today's wired age, people 'need to have free, unfettered access to information for a democracy to work,' said Norris. 'A library is essential to that.'

"When she first joined the Trustees with an aim toward helping the town build a new library, 'I thought it would be a short term commitment, but it took 20 years,' she said.

"But she doesn't regret a minute of it. 'When you find

something you love to do, don't work against something, work for something. Thank you for letting me do what I loved."

### Reading and marketing extraordinaire

"It's not often that 600 people will turn out to meet the new businessmen in town, but that's exactly what happened when Barry and Eliot from Jordan's Furniture appeared at the Parker Middle School to give a history of their company and entertain residents," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Reading Public Library, featured a viewing of some of the duo's most popular television commercials, as well as giveaways featuring Jordan's Frisbees for anyone who asked a decent question. The Reading Symphony

Orchestra also played to greet residents as they entered the facility.

"On the way in, I saw all the cars outside and thought that an election must be going on," said Eliot Tatelman. 'I asked someone on the way in what Reading is like, and they told me that nothing exciting ever happens here. That's about to change.'

"Barry and Eliot Tatelman are the public faces and corporate leaders of Jordan's Furniture, a nationally known five store furniture retailer, drawing customers from all over New England.

"The duo pride themselves in 'thinking outside the box.' Their stores offer customers food, entertainment and live music. Their Avon, MA store includes a 48-seat flight-simulator theater called M.O.M. (Motion Odyssey Movie ride). Their Natick, MA store offers shoppers a trip down Bourbon Street, complete with an hourly Mardi Gras show. In 2002, Jordan's Furniture opened the Comcast IMAX 3D Theater in the Natick location, complete with a six story 3D screen and 15,000 watts of surround-sound. The Jordan's Furniture stores in

Nashua, NH and in Waltham, MA are also very popular.

"In 1918, Barry and Eliot's grandfather started Jordan's Furniture in Waltham, MA. In the 1950s and 1960s, the brothers helped out at the store on weekends and summers. In 1973, they took over the business. Since then, they have taken the company to another level, through unique marketing ventures and shopping experiences. Jordan's Furniture was sold to Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. in 1999. However, the brothers continue at the helm and are integral parts of most opera-

tions of the company (Barry is the company CEO and Eliot is the President)...."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to notestowns@comcast.net.

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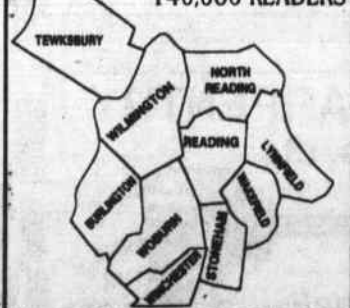


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## Houses

From S-1

right hand during an accident in World War II. However, very little has been written to be played only with the right hand.

Warren House, a three story structure, has 15 one or two bedroom apartment facilities and this allows Ryan and the other residents with the opportunity to cook for themselves if they are able. McLaughlin House, a single story structure is set up for people who may need more assistance and has eight one room units with full baths for the residents.

At present, SLI is kicking off a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to purchase and renovate a third facility in Lexington, to be named Douglas House. At present the site is the plant for the Lexington Press which is taking advantage of new printing technologies and moving to a smaller facility.

When the work is finished it is expected that Douglas House will provide housing and supportive services for another 15 people.

A letter recently sent out by SLI Board President Carrol Stephens and Capital Campaign Committee Chairperson T. L. Stebbins states: "Through a partnership with public and private organizations and donors, we hope to raise \$2 million in contributions toward this goal."

This will be the first time SLI has adapted an existing facility. Both Warren House and McLaughlin House were built from the ground up.

SLI owns the property and the buildings and has contracted the management of the houses to New England Reha-

bilitation Hospital. Residents are responsible for paying rent on a Medicare rate of only 30 percent of their income, with the management company billing Medicare for the rest of the costs.

The houses are designed with the needs of survivors in mind. They feature 24-hour staff support and supervision, a barrier-free environment, access to a community social life, and ongoing life skills training.

SLI is featured in the 2004 Massachusetts Edition of Catalogue for Philanthropy.

The Catalogue states: "As medical technology advances, more and more brain-injury victims survive. Many suffer disabilities that require life-long specialized care and housing, but few families can bear the staggering costs of such services."

"This is where Supportive Living comes in. Founded in 1991 by Carrol Stephens and her late husband, Douglas, whose son is a survivor, SLI's mission is to provide appropriate, affordable, life-long housing for brain injury survivors. The houses are designed to help survivors achieve the highest level of independence possible—to receive retraining in development skills, to pursue employment opportunities, and to become members of a community."

"SLI operates two homes: Warren House, a national award-winning apartment-style complex for fifteen residents, and McLaughlin House, with eight single-occupant bedrooms and space for on-site support staff. "With these two facilities firmly established - and a waiting list of 150 - SLI has embarked on a Capital Campaign to convert the historic Lexington Press into a third

residence, Douglas House.

"In all three facilities professional staff and SLI volunteers will help residents gain dignity, confidence, and practical self-reliance. SLI has succeeded in precisely identifying a niche for itself in philanthropy. They deserve your support in this Capital Campaign and beyond."

Although both Warren House and McLaughlin House are new buildings to the neighborhoods where they are sited, they were designed and built to have the buildings fit into their surroundings and not stand out like sore thumbs. More importantly, a tour of the houses shows them to be comfortable, warm and inviting.

The houses have been tastefully decorated and credit is given to Stephens, a florist, for this aspect. The houses are also barrier free and provide easy access for wheel-bound chair residents as well as those that are mobile.

Warren House was the first of its kind in the nation to be funded by HUD (Executive Office of Housing and Urban Development). It continues to serve as a model for other facilities.

According to SLI, Warren House won an Innovation Merit Award from Assisted Living Today magazine in 1998.

SLI information states: "Tragically, the number of survivors in need of our services continues to increase. Our ongoing interviews with prospective residents and others in the community point to the need to identify new ways to address survivor needs."

"As we look forward to the future, we must continue to develop new homes and programs as the survivor population grows and changes."

According to information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, the Brain Injury Association and other sources, "Approximately 1.5 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year, most often as a result of a vehicular accident. A brain

## Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

### SPORTS SHORTS

**•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA**  
When did the New England Patriots play their first game in Foxboro, and where was it played? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

**•BURLINGTON'S DAVE CACCIOLA**, a goaltender for Providence College, had a 60-save performance recently against Boston College that helped earn him the honor of being named Hockey East defensive player of the week, the third time he has won the award in his days at Providence. The 60-save performance was the highest such total this season in Hockey East, and the fourth highest all-time performance

injury can occur at any time, to anyone.

"However, recent polls indicate that most Americans are relatively unaware of brain injury as a national concern."

"Every brain injury is different, but survivors may experience the following cognitive, physical and emotional long-term disabilities:

- Short-term memory loss, hampering ability to learn and retain information.
- Inability to drive automobiles.

- Difficulty showering, grooming, dressing, cooking, and performing other activities of daily living.

- Frustration at not being able to do things they used to do.

- Strained family relationships, due to the frequent need for supervision and assistance.

For more information, call Stephens at (781) 937-3199 or go to the SLI website, [www.supportivelivinginc.org](http://www.supportivelivinginc.org).

for a Providence College goaltender.

**•THE WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME** is now accepting nominations for the 2005 Hall of Fame. To be eligible for nomination, a player candidate shall have graduated from Winchester High School at least 10 years prior to his or her induction into said Hall of Fame. A player nominee shall have exhibited leadership, excellence, determination, sportsmanship, versatility, integrity, and met the academic requirements while a student at the Winchester High School. Send 2005 nominations to Maria Montuori-Pacific, 63 Shore Road, Winchester, MA 01890.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? The game was played at Schaefer Stadium in Foxboro.

**•WILMINGTON'S JASON GUSTIN**, a sophomore on the University of Massachusetts at Lowell men's track team, placed eighth in the mile at the Northeastern University Husky Carnival at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

**•STONEHAM'S WALLY SACCO**, a junior on the University of Massachusetts at Lowell men's track team, placed fifth in the long jump at the Northeastern University Husky Carnival at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

**•BURLINGTON'S MIKE DAVIS**, a sophomore on the University of Massachusetts at Lowell men's track team, placed sixth in the shot put at the Northeastern University Husky Carnival at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

**•THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM** is recruiting new members for the 2004-2005 season. Prior experience on such a team is not needed, but eligible skaters must be age 25 by the preceding July

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**•STONEHAM'S RESIDENTS** Alison Creedon and Vanessa Bowen were members of the Our Lady of Nazareth volleyball team that ended its season with a 14-6 record within the Catholic Conference.

**•SEVERAL STUDENTS** from the Middlesex East area have been included in the 2004 Cape Ann League Volleyball All-Stars. They are **LYNNFIELD'S MEREDITH LAWLER**, **BRITTANY DELEO**, and **COURTNEY RUSSELL**; **NORTH READING'S SARAH POTTER**, **STEPHANIE OLIVER** and **TORRE CARROLL**; and **WILMINGTON'S MEGAN GODDING**.

**•BURLINGTON'S JASON DEKOW** was a key member of the linebacker corps on the Nichols College football team this year. Dekow, a junior, was second among the linebackers in total tackles (92) and sixth in the NEFC. He played in 10 games and had 62 solo tackles and 40 assisted tackles. He also recorded 3.5 sacks for a loss of 15 yards.

**•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** The team was named the New England Patriots in March, 1971, and on August 15, 1971, they played their first game at Schaefer Stadium in Foxboro, defeating the New York Giants 20-14 before a crowd of 60,423 in a preseason contest.

**•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to [readingchronicle@comcast.net](mailto:readingchronicle@comcast.net), or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-944-0884.

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A child that has learned to live without the little extras so many other kids enjoy, will thrill to that special new toy that you, your family or group donate today. In this season of giving, a toy donation can make your holiday so much more meaningful and joyful.

New non-violent, unwrapped toys can be brought to the local host retailer and check donations can also be made.

A local drop off center in Reading is at Certainly Wood, 39-41 Lincoln Street, across from the railroad depot and at Certainly Wood in Salem NH at 326 S. Broadway, Route 28, also a host location for Toys for Tots.

For more information, call Certainly Wood at 781-944-7400. Deadline for toy donations is December 15.

## GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has kicked off its twentieth annual "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign. The Fund, which is open to all qualified candidates, is a cooperative effort between the state's energy companies, their customers and the Salvation Army to help families in temporary financial crisis pay their energy bills. The goal is to raise \$700,000 and help 3,000 families.

Residents who wish to support the Fund can "Give the Gift of Warmth" by using the mint colored Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills or through the "add a dollar" program some energy companies offer which allows customers to increase their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more.

Customers can also donate on-line by visiting [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org) or mailing a check payable to "The Good Neighbor Energy Fund" to The Salvation Army, 147 Berkeley St., Boston, Ma. 02116.

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The Mass. Hunter Education Program is conducting this Basic Hunter Ed course. Successful completion fulfills the requirements established by Mass. General Law to make application for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card.

Students must attend every session. Adults, as well as younger men and women, are encouraged to attend. A Mass. Hunter Ed Certificate is provided to course graduates 15 years

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# Movie Reviews by Paul Feely

## "OCEANS TWELVE"

**MOVIE: "OCEAN'S 12"**  
**GRADE: \*\*\***

The gang of A and B list movie stars from 'Ocean's 11' is back, with Catherine Zeta-Jones providing the fresh new face that up the number to '12'.

In the first movie, a gang of the world's elite thieves, headed up by Danny Ocean (played by George Clooney, who stars alongside Hollywood heavyweights like Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Julie Roberts, Jones, Don Cheadle, Carl Reiner and Elliot Gould) stole over \$160 million from Las Vegas hotel tycoon Benedict, played by Andy Garcia. It's now three years later, and Garcia has tracked all 11 down, and is demanding to be paid back in full, with interest, in two weeks.

Through a convoluted series of events, the group

manages to place a bet with their chief rival in the world of thieves, the 'Nightfox' as to who can steal the famous Faberge coronation egg. If Ocean is successful, the Fox will pay off his debt; if the Fox wins, Ocean must admit that he is the better thief.

How the theft is pulled off is fun to watch, and realizing the many cons that have been pulled over the viewer's eyes is even better. What is even more fun is watching how well the cast works together, such as in scenes where Robert's character gets involved in the heist (these scenes are the funniest in the movie, and the secret cannot be revealed ahead of time).

The movie oozes cool, and set ups the possibility of an 'Ocean's 13' if and when this cast of Hollywood stars can be reassembled.

### SHORTTAKES

**MOVIE: "BLADE: TRINITY"**  
**GRADE: \***

Wesley Snipes may play a hero who is partially undead, but movie execs should have found a way to kill off this character years ago.

Snipes plays Blade in this, the third installment of the movie series based on the Marvel comics series. Blade is part-human, part vampire, and sworn to rid the world of vampires, who meets up with the biggest vampire of all this time around.

Dracula (Dominic Purcell) is awakened from a long slumber by a band of vampires led by Danica Talos (Parker Posey, who never should have attempted to play a member of the undead).

Danica's gang needs Dracula, now known as Drake, to breathe life into the vampire blood line and lead the monsters to glory.

First, they need to capture Blade for some vaguely-explained reasons, so they frame him as a vigilante crusader and let the cops do the dirty work. But luckily a group of vampire slayers called the Night Stalkers

shows up to spring Blade and join forces with him in the fight against Drake. Among this group are Hannibal King (Ryan Reynolds) and babe Abigail Whistler (Jessica Biel), daughter of Blade's old comrade Abraham Whistler (Kris Kristofferson, who makes a brief appearance).

The movie limply jumps from car chase to gunfire to explosion to hand-to-hand combat and back, the rapid-fire action an attempt to make you forget the silly plot.

**MOVIE: "THE POLAR EXPRESS"**  
**GRADE: \*\*\*\***

This movie is a family-oriented holiday tale from director Robert Zemeckis, with Tom Hanks providing the voices for multiple animated characters.

The story faithfully follows the beloved children's book, which has become a true holiday classic in recent years, and the computer animation used to bring the story to the big screen is at times truly breathtaking, especially when viewed in the 3D format on a giant IMAX screen.

The action scene involving a runaway ticket and train

can be a bit intense for the very youngest of viewers, but overall true 'believers' in the magic of the Christmas season will enjoy this film's family-oriented message.

**MOVIE: "NATIONAL TREASURE"**  
**GRADE: \*\***

This movie is a family-oriented action flick, that also tries to teach a history lesson while the viewer is along for the wild ride.

Since childhood, Benjamin Franklin Gates (played by Nicolas Cage) has known that he is descended from a long line of people whose job is to guard a treasure hidden by the Founding Fathers, who hid clues to its whereabouts in the country's currency and on the back of the Declaration of Independence. Now, he has learned of a plot to steal the Declaration, and has only one option: steal it himself. Even if he pulls off this monumental task, keeping the treasure safe is still going to be incredibly hard, especially since the FBI has also gotten wind of the scheme.

Director John Turteltaub unfortunately doesn't have

enough faith in the depth of the emotional relationship between the characters to allow the viewer to focus on them too long, as the plot points come at you in a fast and furious manner. Cage is very enthusiastic, but one wishes they were given more time to consider the mystery unfolding onscreen before the answers are handed to you.

**MOVIE: "RAY"**  
**GRADE: \*\*\*\***

Jamie Foxx channels the spirit of the late, great R & B singer Ray Charles in this outstanding biopic.

The film captures Charles' essence, presenting him as the musical genius that he is, while also taking an unflinching look at his womanizing ways. It also tackles the issue of the superstar's drug use (the needle was often the second greatest love of his life), but looks at both character flaws that helps paint the portrait of a man wrestling with his own demons as he enjoys the enormous success that accompanies his talent.

The soundtrack is reasonable enough to see this movie, but

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# School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

## NUMBERS UP AND LIGHTS ON

### Super news in North Reading

The School Committee voted to extend the contract of the superintendent of schools for an additional year, or through June 30, 2007," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"Still to be determined, however, is a salary to be associated with that final year of the contract."

"The contract under which Superintendent Dr. David Troughton works has a provision that it be reviewed by the School Committee each June. If this review does not take place, the contract extends automatically for another year."

"Troughton's current contract would have expired on June 30, 2006."

"The School Committee decided that, rather than have the contract extended automatically, it would vote specifically to add the extra year and extend it through June 30, 2007."

"A specific salary has only been determined through June 30, 2005, at which time the superintendent will be making \$123,752."

"The committee is now negotiating the salary for subsequent years with Troughton in executive session."

"I'm delighted," Troughton said, after the committee's unanimous vote to extend the contract. He was very pleased the committee proactively voted to extend his contract, viewing it as a vote of confidence in his leadership."

"One committee member pointed out that, under Mass. State law, a contract can be extended for as long as six years."

"School Committee members praised the work of the superintendent."

"I don't know how we'd find another superintendent this dedicated to this school district," Committee Member Nicole Davis remarked...."

### Beyond expectations in Winchester

"At the end of the last school year, administration officials projected a 2 percent increase in student enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year, but when students arrived for their first day of classes the increase was more like 3 percent."

"Meanwhile, the teaching staff has been reduced by 11.6 FTEs (i.e., full time equivalent positions, which does not correlate on a one to one basis with the number of teachers because not all of the faculty have 'full time' positions)...."

"Superintendent Dr. James Marini said there was some savings made through the replacement process and expects to bring a recommendation to the School Committee to add .1 or .2 FTE to the Music Department. 'We're looking at it. Of course, any recommendation we make would

have to be approved by the School Committee, but the Music Department is stretched beyond what is reasonable. They'd need some relief....' The schools know that some 3,623 students have registered.... The projected increase in student enrollment was from last year's figure of 3,512 to 3,582, but 41 more than that registered."

"School officials note that typically the ones who have registered, but do not show up are in high school."

"This year, according to Director of Finance Sam Rippin, the higher than expected student registrations have come equally at the high school and McCall Middle School with 8 each, and 25 at the elementary level. However, 20 of the new elementary level students are expected at the already overcrowded Lincoln School."

### Points of light in Woburn

"The Woburn Youth Council isn't letting being selected 'Daily Point of Light' go to its head - while the recognition is nice, the council has work to do," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The council's returning members will work on recruiting new members and coordinating local election-related activities (a post-primary state representative candidate debate was planned)."

"There are some other activities already in the works (funds are available again this year for the youth council to award mini-grants for youth-oriented or youth-initiated community service learning projects), but David Crowley, president of Social Capital, Inc., which coordinates the youth council along with the Woburn Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA, said other ideas will evolve as the council meets and new members join."

"Established in 2002 as the result of a grant provided by the Massachusetts Service Alliance, the youth council 'engages a diverse group of 12 to 17 year olds in making a difference in the community, through distributing mini-grants to other youth projects and implementing other civic initiatives,' according to information on SCI's website."

"They receive leadership training and ongoing support from adult advisors to coordinate this mini-grant process and address community issues of concern to them. As community leaders, they also encourage their peers to become active young citizens. Our members have developed practical skills, learned the importance of leadership and teamwork, and have gained a better knowledge of community issues."

"The group was honored with a 'Daily Point of Light' award by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network, in partnership with the Knights of Columbus and the Corporation for National and

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### Movies from S-6

Fox's Oscar-worthy performance isn't far behind.

MOVIE: "THE INCREDIBLES"  
 GRADE: \*\*\*

Director Brad Bird has put together a very funny take on what happens to superheroes when the public moves on to other, younger people to adulate. The plot revolves around a family of superheroes, and their exploits when they are called back to duty after many years out of the limelight.

Action sequences contain terrific edge-of-your-seat suspense, while domestic scenes brim with wit and intelli-

gence. At one point, Dash races through the jungle to escape from Velocipods at such a high speed that it's a wonder Pixar's computers didn't melt. Then there is a superhero costume fitting - a little like scenes in Bond movies where Q outfits 007 with his latest secret weapons -- that features Edna (writer-director Bird), a tiny designer drawn to resemble Hollywood's legendary costumer Edith Head.

The action is intense enough to make the film unsuitable for very young or impressionable children. But these sequences certainly play brilliantly to everyone else. What makes them heart-stopping and hilarious all at once is that the kids, embroiled in the very first action allowed by their parents, discover their superhero abilities as the chases and fights progress.

MOVIE: "SAW"  
 GRADE: \*\*

This movie tries to create a scenario filled with tension and fear, and it would have been more successful had the plot been a bit more believable.

Two men wake up in a dungeon of some sort, shackled to a wall and being watched by a mad man, who tells them that one must kill the other, or they and family members he is holding hostage will die. A saw is

conveniently placed in the cell, not strong enough to cut through the shackles but certainly adequate to cut through one's own flesh and bone, if one so desired. You get the picture, and sit back awaiting the obvious scenes of self mutilation and pain that are on the way.

The problem is, the dialogue is so generic that you can't build up enough of a relationship with the characters to particularly care one way or the other what happens to them. And the twist at the end further fosters the lack of believability that surrounds the movie

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many individuals and families. And, since 1988, Middlesex East will be extending a helping hand to those at the Salvation Army through its Middlesex East Santa. The giving starts now and will continue through the December holidays with the names of donors prominently displayed.

The M.E. Santa regularly raises \$4,000 to \$5,000 that is distributed to families in this area through their area representatives helping local people.

In joining with the Salvation Army, M.E. is also joining with an army of volunteers who reach out to people during Thanksgiving and the holidays. One only has to look at the upcoming Salvation Army effort for Thanksgiving to get an appreciation of some of the good works.

On another front, The Salvation Army is again looking for volunteers for as little as an hour or two to assist with collections during the Holiday Kettle Drive at the Burlington Mall.

All past volunteers are welcome back and asked to call Mary Gail Ranaldi at 781-942-2083 for this year's schedule.

Collections will be Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In addition to volunteer collections there are also some paid slots available.

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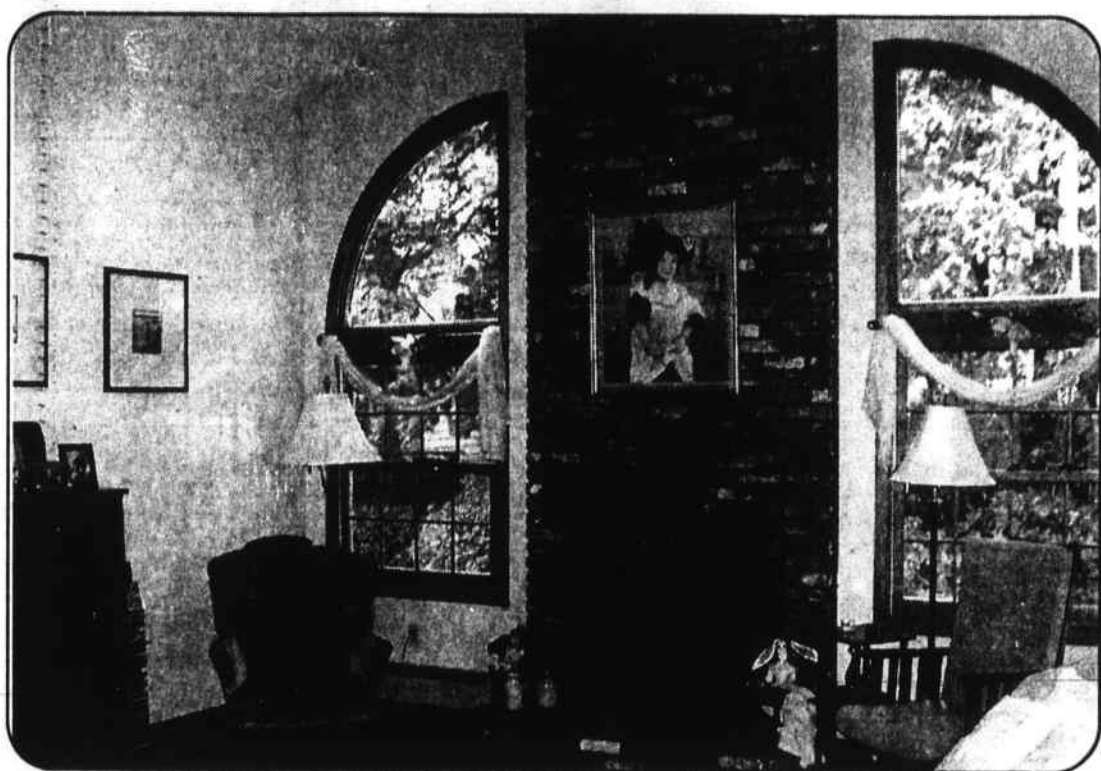
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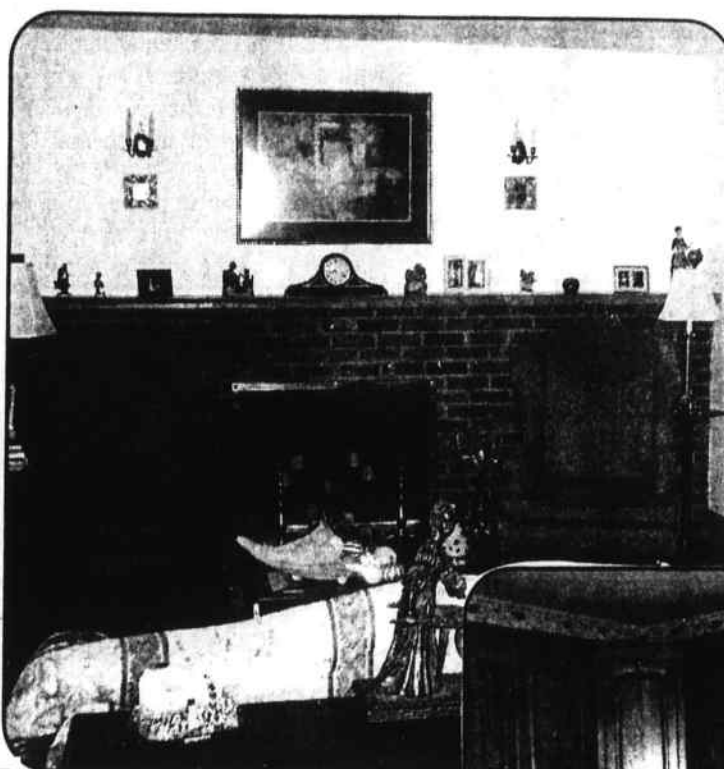
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### WAKEFIELD



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### WAKEFIELD



This charming ranch offers amazing space and lots of character! 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and 1 car garage. Custom features throughout, hardwood floors, C/A. Delightful lower level family room could easily accommodate a large group or an intimate party. \$414,900

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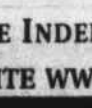
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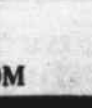
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# Some last minute holiday gift ideas

You look at the calendar on Monday. Oh no! Your sister's holiday party is this Saturday. You have only days to get gifts for her and her husband, their 15-year-old daughter and their 2-year-old son. Where do you even begin? You sigh, knowing that your gifts are definitely going to look like you forgot about the party.

Relax! It is possible to give last-minute gifts that will look anything but last minute. (Just remember that if you need several gifts, try to buy as many as you can at the same location.) Follow this guide and you'll be the best aunt in the family!

## KIDS

\* Stop at the toy store or drug store and pick up a stuffed animal.

\* Pick up an art set for older kids. If you can't find a premade one, make it yourself. Visit the local art or stationery store and load up on crayons, colored pencils, a watercolor set, a drawing pad and a tracing pad.

\* Puzzles, picture books and coloring books are fun and educational. Choose one that suits the child's interests, like Barbie or cars. Just make sure the age on the box matches the child's age.

\* Few kids will turn down a DVD. If you aren't sure about their fave flicks, you can never go wrong with Disney films, which are generally appropriate for all age groups. Or give a

gift certificate so they can pick out their own movie.

## TEENS

\* Give teens cash and who knows where they'll spend it. Give a gift certificate and it will be put to use at a store of your choice. It doesn't have to be for a clothing store. Treat the recipient to hot chocolate at a coffee chain or DVD rental at a video chain.

\* Girls love any excuse to go glam. A bath set with body lotion, shower gel and scented soaps is a gift that will not be buried beneath a pile of laundry.

\* Teens spend many a Friday night at the movies. Buy them some passes for flicks and free popcorn. And ask them to give you their reviews after the show!

\* Teens love to follow celebrities in magazines like YM and Sports Illustrated. Give them a subscription to their favorite magazine for a gift that will last all year long. When giving the gift, roll up a few issues of the magazine and tie with ribbon.

\* Teens spend many hours on the computer. Visit an electronics store and pick up a game that's educational, fun or entertaining or a combination thereof. Think about what kind you want in advance so you are not overwhelmed once you hit the store.

\* High-school days are often spent snapping photos. Pictures frames will be put to good use

and are inexpensive, too. Any size works, but a good choice is to get ones that can hold wallet-sized yearbook photos.

## ADULTS

\* Hit the local liquor store for a bottle of wine. The best part is that you can spend as little or as much as you like. Wrap in a wine bag or leave as is.

\* Food will always win raves. Go for something out of the ordinary like caviar or smoked salmon. Or try a traditional twist with a box of assorted chocolates. For an inexpensive gift, fill a bag or jar of the recipient's favorite candy or nuts.

\* Feed cinema buffs' habits with a movie guide. They will love one that is full of trivia, biographies and movie synopses.

\* Pick up some passes to a local attraction, such as free admission to the local amusement park or museum. Get creative in your presentation. For

tickets to a play, wrap the tickets with a CD or DVD of the production.

\* Chefs can never have enough cooking supplies. Fill a wok with fortune cookies, soy sauce, rice and noodles. For your cookie fiend, assemble a cookie-making set of a cookie sheet, cookie cutters and a spatula. Ice-cream junkies always need a fix. Fill a large bowl with a scooper, sprinkles, cherries and other toppings for making sundaes. Novelty cooking goods like Belgian waffle irons, popcorn poppers, ice-cream freezers, sandwich presses, French fryers or cotton-candy makers will also be a hit.

\* There's no such thing as too many picture frames. Fill frames with pictures of your family or the recipient and you for a gift that will be treasured.

\* Pull from the spirit of the season. Holiday music, ornaments or table decorations will all be used.



For a gardener just starting out or one that's already hooked, get a gift that suits the green thumb. What could be better than a pretty container filled with gardening inspiration? Lowe's selected this decorative antique copper planter

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## Give Nana and Granddad gifts that are hip

Just because Grandma or Grandpa may be older doesn't mean they won't enjoy a gift that's hip. Today's seniors are healthier, more active and

more technologically savvy than ever, and gifts should reflect that changing attitude. Here are a few ideas to get you started when holiday shopping

for the favorite senior in your life, whether it be a parent, grandparent, next-door neighbor or friend.

### GIFTS FROM THE HEART

\* Anything involving the grandchildren is sure to be a winner. Have them draw a picture or write a note.

\* Copy or restore old photographs and frame them.

\* For crafty types, make your own afghan blanket, quilt or throw.

\* Compile an updated family photo album, or have your family pose for portraits. Put the photos in frames decorated by the kids.

\* Create a calendar using family photos. Most photo stores can create one for a moderate price.

\* Put together a box or album with the family's favorite recipes.

### HELP AT HOME

\* Installing a railing for outdoor steps can provide safety for the senior and peace of mind for you.

\* An air-purifying system can be especially helpful for seniors with respiratory concerns.

\* Gift certificates for a monthly maid service (to be done by you or a cleaning service) will help keep their house sparkling, even if they aren't fit enough to do so themselves.

\* A bathtub railing can be a life-saving gift.

\* Install a home alarm system for seniors living alone.

\* A coupon book will last for many months after the holi-

days.

\* A gift subscription to a newspaper or favorite magazine makes a good gift for readers.

If you're still having trouble deciding on an appropriate gift, do a little research on who you're buying for. Chances are you already know the person's likes and dislikes simply through everyday conversation. Think about what interests them, their hobbies and what they enjoy. You may also have to consider physical limitations. For instance, maybe Grandma loves literature but has poor eyesight. A large-print book or an audio book can be just the gift to make her smile.

When in doubt, your best bet is to stay true to what the holidays are all about - giving a gift from the heart.

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### -BURLINGTON-

Median Price: \$388,000

- 20 CHANDLER ROAD was sold to Ziming Qiu by Jieying Penny Yao and Yingyin Kevin Zou for \$388,000.  
13 GEDICK ROAD was sold to Konstantina Spyridopol by David Doyle and Martha Mogan for \$410,000.  
417 RHUEY PASS was sold to Pine Tree Rt. and Thomas Murray Jr. Tr. by Michael Connors for \$150,000.  
4 SPRING VALLEY ROAD was sold to Pallavi and Rajendra Datar by Harry and Pauline Yee for \$430,000.  
29 UNIVERSITY AVENUE was sold to Judith and Stephen Cataldo by Hui Pan and Yiqiong Wu for \$525,000.

### -LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: \$493,450

- 16 RYAN ROAD was sold to Thomas Greeley by Gary Levinson for \$715,000.  
920 SUMMER STREET was sold to Janet and Lawrence Restuccia by Luci Derosa for \$515,000.

### -NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$415,000

- 2 ACORN KNOLL DRIVE was sold to Daniel Leov and Kelly Davenport Loeb by 223 Central Street Rt. and Sergio Coviello for \$950,000.  
3 FAIRWAY ROAD was sold to Uoukai Wei and Xiongwen Pan by Allan Ming-Fui Chan and Teresa Dejesus Jorge for \$575,000.  
4 MAIN STREET was sold to Michael Walsh Jr. by Michael Walsh Sr. for \$31,800.  
36 MAIN STREET U:12 was sold to Janelle Cefalo by Mark Meehan for \$176,000.  
48 MOUNT VERNON STREET was sold to Allyson and Matthew Ligor by Patricia and Robert Freccero for \$417,500.  
5 SAMUEL PHELPS WAY was sold to Christine and John Feola by Shenandoah Valley T. and Shenandoah Valley Corp. for \$1,182,485.  
10 STRAWBERRY LANE was sold to Christine and Kenneth Dhimitri by Elva and George Pawle for \$485,000.

### -READING-

Median Price: \$422,750

- 26 BARBARA LANE was sold to Eric and Margaret Raciti by Judith and Robert Mason for \$649,000.  
45 CATHERINE AVENUE was sold to Alan Northrup and April Gleason by Maria and Stephen Blewitt for \$489,900.  
53 DANA ROAD was sold to Kirstin and Matthew Cusolito by Christine Fairchild and Janet O'Brien for \$435,000.  
232 FOREST STREET was sold to Jacqueline Brown and Michael James Brown by Steven Sullivan and Suzanne Miller for \$442,000.  
8 JOHN STREET COURT was sold to Juan Figueroa by Francis and Maureen Cunningham for \$248,500.  
72 LINDEN STREET was sold to Jeffrey and Sandra Wood by 72 Linden Street Rt. and Vincent Ferlisi Tr. for \$750,000.  
26 PARKMAN ROAD was sold to Michael and Teresa Riffe by Merle Yehle for \$415,000.  
25 TORRE STREET was sold to Francis and Maureen Cunningham by Gail and Paul Ashley for \$331,500.  
32 WILSON STREET was sold to Karen Peters by Elizabeth Meuse for \$405,000.

### -STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$390,000

- 26 FELLSMERE AVENUE was sold to Gregory and Sabrina DelGreco by Maria and Paul Casarano for \$420,000.  
492-494 FELLSWAY EAST was sold to James Alba Jr. and Sheri Alba by Bernard Spellman for \$363,000.  
18 LAWNDALE ROAD was sold to Karen O'Brien by Filomena Piazza for \$575,000.  
150 MAIN STREET U:10 was sold to Michael Scola by Linda Davidson for \$195,000.  
66 MAIN STREET U:14A was sold to Kathryn Coleman Maxfield and Nathan Maxfield by M. Margaret Maguire for \$263,000.  
43 POMEWORTH STREET U:42 was sold to Madeline Greely by Joseph and Nancy Laurino for \$245,000.

### -TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$345,000

- 145 BROWN STREET was sold to Diane and Matthew Grove by Michelle Sauer for \$286,300.  
4 EMERALD COURT U:4 was sold to Joanne Spurio by Stonewood LLC for \$405,400.  
16 NEWTON AVENUE was sold to Mary Ann and Victor Sousa by Darryl MacDonald and Gary McMillan for \$360,000.

### -WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$393,100

- 10 COLUMBIA ROAD was sold to Jennifer Novia and William Lavey by Charles Terravecchia and Grace Alleca for \$218,000.  
87 GREENWOOD STREET was sold to David Belanger and Jennifer Varone by Barbara and Theresa Cameron for \$389,000.  
4 GREGORY ROAD was sold to Maria and Paul Casarano by Damase Caouette for \$482,000.  
974 MAIN STREET was sold to Jennie Uglietta Rt. and Jennie Uglietta by BEC Dev. T. and Vincent Barletta for \$385,500.  
974-984 MAIN STREET was sold to Dolores and W. Robert McTague by BEC Dev. T. and Vincent Barletta for \$375,500.  
102 NEW SALEM STREET was sold to Peter McAvoy by Arlene and Bryden Dow for \$349,900.  
151 NORTH AVENUE was sold to 151 North Avenue Rt. and Matthew Simpson by J. Kevin Lally and Jeanne Lally for \$450,000.

18 ORCHARD AVENUE was sold to Christine Savory and Michael Franceschelli by Maria Sergi and Patricia Rastellini for \$392,000.

82 RENWICK ROAD U:B was sold to Sharon Lacerda by Michael Kane for \$225,000.

84 SPRING STREET was sold to Kathleen Caswell by Susan Grayken-James for \$232,500.

21 SWANSEA ROAD was sold to Joseph and Suzanne Funicella by Celia Albert and Joseph Albert Sr. for \$479,900.

107 VERNON STREET was sold to Nora Melly by Thomas Dolan for \$220,000.

21 WILLOW STREET was sold to CPM LP by James Harris and Mary E. Romano for \$155,000.

21 WILLOW STREET was sold to Rybo Inc. by CMP LP for \$250,000.

### -WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$350,000

ALBANY STREET was sold to Kathy and Lawrence Donovan by Town of Wilmington for \$5,500.

29 DORCHESTER STREET was sold to Angelo and Kimberly Febbo by Kathy and Lawrence Donovan for \$425,000.

11 GOWING ROAD was sold to Christina Matte and Christopher Smith by John and Nuala Keiley for \$427,000.

7 HARRIS STREET was sold to Shirley Leow by Lenora Bowen for \$408,000.

701 LORDS COURT was sold to Donna and Paul Reardon by James Kenny for \$307,000.

855 MAIN STREET was sold to Paul Bimbo by Ruland Corp. for \$515,000.

28 MARJORIE ROAD was sold to Darryl and Erika McCauley by Michele Gould and Ronald Gould Jr. for \$440,000.

1 WEBBER STREET was sold to Karen Trevisone by McNeill Ft. and Karen O'Rourke Tr. for \$308,000.

### -WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$671,250

7 CONANT ROAD U:46 was sold to Denis Levin by Carl and Gloria Pannabecker for \$430,000.

5-7 MARION STREET was sold to Louis and Mary Jane Errico by Kathryn Colby for \$619,900.

10 STAINISH LANE was sold to Kara and Michael Clark by Sean Callahan for \$543,000.

### -WOBURN-

Median Price: \$350,000

74 BEACH STREET U:6-1 was sold to Mark Donovaro by Peter Bishop for \$159,900.

27 DAY CIRCLE was sold to Ruth and Timothy Mantone by Pauline Brooks for \$339,000.

1011 MAIN STREET U:7 was sold to Mary Beth Kerrigan by Eileen Phillion for \$185,000.

9 MARION AVENUE was sold to Sharon Lundin by Linda and William Landry for \$485,000.

45 MERRIMAC STREET U:3 was sold to Charlene Hatch by Karen Ann Peters for \$284,900.

87 MONTVALE AVENUE was sold to Edward McDonough by McDonough Rt. and Dale McDonough for \$360,000.

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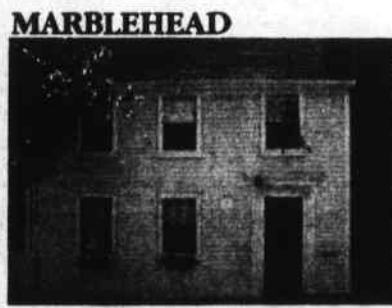
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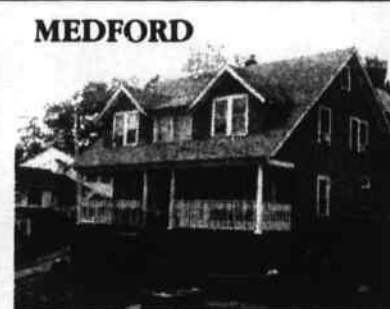
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• **Lighting:** The lighting in a room can affect your mood, so it's important to think carefully about your lighting scheme.

Adjustable lighting is ideal for bathrooms because it allows you to have the bathroom brightly lit when necessary, but dimmed when relaxation is key.

• **Whirlpools:** Whirlpools can provide relaxation and rejuvena-

tion. They're available in a variety of sizes, colors and with different settings to suit individual tastes.

One manufacturer, Kohler even makes whirlpools that can be customized at the touch of a button. For instance, a bather can select "massage" and have Flexjets, backjets and neckjets help alleviate the day's tensions.

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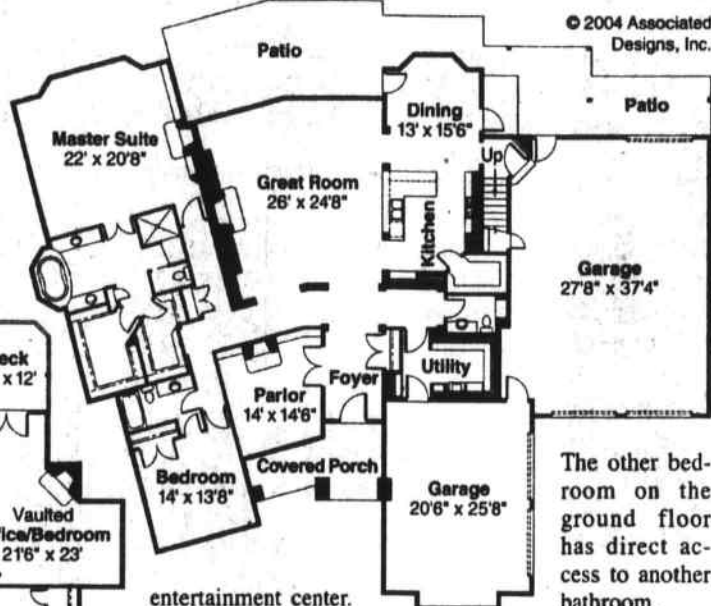
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Handsome raised brick trim crowns the lofty, arched entry, high-lights windows, underscores the entire front facade, and caps the chimney. Wooden shutters provide a touch of nostalgic warmth.

Soft light washes into the high-ceilinged foyer through sidelights and a trio of arched transoms. Double doors on the left open into an interestingly shaped parlor. Two of the corners have right angles, and two do not. Wide shelves flank a gas fireplace (one of four), and wide windows face the front.

Passing under two display shelves brings you into a spacious great room with a stepped ceiling treatment. Light washes into this bright area through an angled rear wall with a wealth of windows. Cabinets on both sides of the fireplace could house a home



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eight different colors or the bather can choose to rest on one color that ranges from cool and relaxing to warm and invigorating.

Soft music can also do the trick, as can an aromatherapy candle, fresh-smelling soaps and refreshing bath gels.

• **The Room:** Remember that your home spa extends beyond your shower and bath. Add a vanity or dressing table and de-

corate the room with art and plants.

When you choose a color scheme for your spa, try to stick with more neutral colors to keep the mood mellow. You can also consider using textured ceramic tiles to give the room more depth and character.

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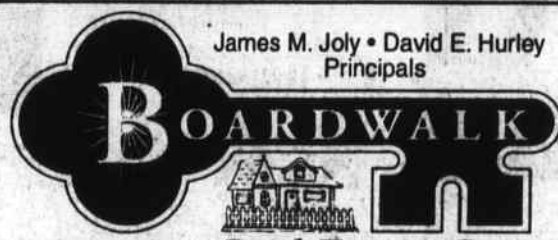


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The exchange of gifts among heads of state is a centuries old tradition and remains an important part of modern day international relations. President and Mrs. Kennedy delighted in the gifts presented to them by representatives of countries around the globe, particularly items which showcased the fine work of a foreign country's craftsmen.

General admission is \$10. Seniors and college students \$8, children 13-17 \$7. Under 12 free.

## CREATIVE ARTS VACATION WORKSHOP

Creative Arts is pleased to offer a workshop for children ages 6 to 16 during December school vacation. This theatre arts workshop will meet Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 27-31, with a special performance on the last day at 6 p.m. Students will be able to enhance their acting skills and participate in all aspects of theatre production.

Workshop participants make their own costumes and props and help create a backdrop for the production. After 5 days of art and artistry, students will perform for family and friends on the final evening of the workshop.

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After remaining unchanged for the past 4 seasons, Stoneham Theatre reinvigorates its holiday tradition next month with the debut of a

brand new musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic featuring 14 original songs.

Tickets cost: \$32 adults, \$27 seniors (62+), and \$16 students (under 18 or with college ID). Performances begin Thursday, Dec. 2 and continue through Dec. 23 on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 8 and 5 p.m. During the final days December 21-23 performances will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 781-279-2200 or [www.StonehamTheatre.org](http://www.StonehamTheatre.org).

## PLEA FOR MIDDLESEX AREA HOST FAMILIES

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between 15 and 18 years old, are English speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. PIE currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full year, where the students attend local high schools.

PIE area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match.

Families who host for PIE are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a student.

For more information call 1-800-631-1818.

## VOLUNTEER WITH HOMELESS CHILDREN

Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking fun loving, dependable people to play and develop relationships with children living in family homeless shelters and domestic violence

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For more information contact Kali Downer at 978-557-2182 or [www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org).

## SEEK SUBSTANCE ABUSE VOLUNTEERS

The Mass. Substance Abuse Info. and Ed. Helpline seeks volunteers in recovery from addiction, for phone service to persons affected by alcoholism and substance abuse.

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## ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS

VNA of Middlesex East offers an Alzheimer's Caregiver Program free of charge to help family members caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease improve their life together.

The program helps caregivers design a safe home environment for the Alzheimer's patient and teaches them how to maximize the patient's skills for daily living. Care and consultation is provided by an occupational therapist, physical therapist, nurse and social worker. They also teach caregivers how to care for themselves and maintain connections with the outside world.

The program offers respite care provided by a trained core of volunteers that allow caregivers time away for appointments, shopping, social activities or just time alone. Telephone support is also available.

Individuals who believe the program could help their current home situation and would like to learn more about this free community service should call Donna Silva, Alzheimer's Caregiver Program Coordinator at VNA of Middlesex East 781-224-3399, ext. 202.

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Before placing volunteers in shelter's play space training in issues surrounding homelessness and child development is provided.

These trainings are held regularly and upcoming dates are listed at [www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org) or contact Kali Downer at 978-557-2182.

## RED CROSS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The American Red Cross of Mass Bay-North Area, located at 85 Lowell St in Peabody, is looking for volunteers in a variety of areas. The following positions are needed most:

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